

# BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG1	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Alex Froemli	ng, Liam McGinnis, Carly Webster, Peyton Allen	Action o	n the Bill
School: Auburn ES		House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Auburn		Defeated	Defeated

# An Act Relating To the Stabilization of College Tuition Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All accredited colleges and universities in the state of Kentucky should have a maximum tuition rate applied. (2) Once the maximum rate has been attained, the college or university should not exceed that cap for five years. (3) After five years, the maximum tuition rate should not exceed 5% of the previous tuition rate. (4) The tuition cap should start at the beginning of the next semester. (5) All tuition rates should be reflective of the level of accreditation, number of students, and cost of available academic and research opportunities and resources.

Section 2: All discretionary funding/spending for the college or university should be limited in order to comply with the maximum tuition rates.

Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG2	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Abi Lucio, K	arina Trejo, SusanJean Morton, Laney Warner	Action c	n the Bill
School: Bourbon Co. M	S	House	Senate
		□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Paris		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To A Provided Budget for Teachers' Classroom Supplies Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

3 Section 1: Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS (1) All teachers will 4 be provided with a budget of \$1,000 for classroom supplies. They can submit item totals before purchase or a receipt after for access to their budget. Any money that isn't used by the end of the school year will be given to the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System (KTRS).

Section 2: Section 2: Only certified teachers will be provided with this budget. Those without direct supervision of students will not be eligible. Any part time teacher will be given access to their corresponding percentage of this budget. If a teacher quits during the year and they used more than the percentage corresponding with their worked days, they will have to pay back the overage.

Section 3: The budget will renew for the same amount every year. The schools will decide when they get access to their budget.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG3	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Lyla Porter, Kordelia Delfino		Action o	n the Bill
School: Boyle Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Danville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Related to Gradual Restoration of Parental Rights Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: When a parent or guardian is freed from jail for child maltreatment, they will go through a rehabilitation process, be put on probation, and be given gradual custody of their child/children.

Section 2: The gradual granting of custody would work as follows: In cases of 1st-degree child abuse: 2 days of supervised visitation with their child for the first month, 4 days of supervised visitation with their child for the second month 6 days of supervised visitation with their child for the third month Weekend visitation for months four and five Full custody will be granted in month 6 assuming all court-mandated requirements have been met In cases of 2nd-degree child abuse: 4 days of supervised visitation with their child for the first month 6 days of supervised visitation with their child for the second month Weekend visitation for months three and four Full custody will be granted in month 5 assuming all court-mandated requirements have been met In cases of 3rd-degree child abuse: Weekend visitation for the first and second months Full custody will be granted in month 3 assuming all court-mandated requirements have been met The first visits will be monitored by a social worker or third-party member approved by the courts. The visitation will take place on weekends so the children affected will be able to maintain a regular weekly schedule.

Section 3: The Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS) will enforce this law. If the offender does not complete the gradual restoration of custody, full custody will not be granted.

Section 4: No additional funding will be necessary to enact this bill. All measures and resources needed are already in place. This bill simply adjusts the process for restoring custody.

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

<b>○</b>	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue   BG4	
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Referred to Committee: <b>House   1</b>	
Sponsors: Mackenzie Richardson, Cassie Darland, Kadence Norton, Trinity Riley		Action o	n the Bill
School: Burgin Indepen	dent MS	House	Senate
City: Burgin		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Raising the Age Limit to 25 for Use and Possession of Tobacco Related Products

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

Section 1: Under the current statute (KRS 438.350) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it is illegal to possess or use any tobacco products, or nicotine products to individuals under the age of 21, the bills will raise that age to 25 years old.

Section 2: According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services 8,000 Kentuckians die of tobacco related complications each year. In addition, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that 9 out of 10 adult smokers start before they are 18 years old and 99% start before they are 26 years old.

Section 3: The National Institute for Health has stated that the brain undergoes a "rewiring" process that is not complete until approximately 25 years of age". Additionally, several studies have shown that adolescent tobacco use is associated with later risk of developing mental and behavioral problems such as major depressive disorder, agoraphobia, panic disorder, addiction to other substances, antisocial personality disorder, or academic problems as well all other known negative effects of tobacco use such as heart and lung disease and many types of cancer.

Section 4: KRS 438.350 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1). to read as follows, "No person under the age of twenty-five (25) shall possess or use tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG5	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Ella Hubbs, E	Ella Spears, Piper Galben, Ryan Cox	Action o	n the Bill
School: Chandlers ES		House	Senate
City: Russellville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Requirement of 15 minutes of Break Time for Middle and High School Students

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

Section 1: Schools will be required to have 15 minutes of break time, mental or physical, in one full break time before one o?clock and after 10 o'clock. Lunch would not count as a break. This may be outdoor or indoor depending on weather and administrator preferences.

Section 2: 15 minutes of break time must be added to the school schedule, which must be sent to the state. If schools fail to send the schedule to the state, they will get a call from the state warning the school.

Section 3: This bill will not require any additional funding and will cost the school, district, or state nothing. No equipment is necessary for this bill. If students misbehave, there must be a punishment aside from subtracting the break time.

Section 4: Statistics say that in a 20-person classroom, 2 people have AD-HD. This will cause them to not be able to sit still. This will cause students to misbehave. This will affect learning for others and it will make teacher's jobs harder. Even students who don?t have AD-HD will start to misbehave.

Section 5: This bill will be enforced starting in the 2024–25 school year.

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kentucky youth assembly Bluegrass Bill		Referred to Committee: Senate   2	
Sponsors: Jaurius Hollowell, Madelynn Folger, Shamaur Hampton		Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Require Kentucky to Change School Lunches Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to change school lunches for better quality, nutrition, and more filling food options. Better food quality entails that the food would be more nutritious e.g. more nutrients and minerals calling for a more balanced and healthy meal. This would also include a more appealing array of food options in looks and taste. Eating healthy food for long periods of time can help students achieve lifelong healthy eating habits.

Section 2: This bill will be monitored by monthly school checks and surveys with students and staff on how they feel about the lunches. The lunches will be implemented by getting students opinions on what healthy options they could choose from that week. The lunches will be allergy friendly as well as providing more fruits and vegetables the students would prefer to eat. School health profiles can monitor the school lunches. The government entity that will be monitoring this will the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 3: There are no special circumstances or exemptions for schools from this bill.

Section 4: Changing school lunches can cost anywhere from 3 million dollars to 3.5 million dollars. This cost will come from taxes collected. Including that the average school lunch costs anywhere from \$1.00 to \$3.00, the 3 million cost is used to provide us healthier and appetizing meals other than what we have now which is the cheapest and less appetizing meals that the school can provide.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG7	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Gabby Hooper, Lilah McBride, Brooke Bowen, Liz Blackburn		Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simpson MS		House	Senate
		Passed	□ Passed
City: Franklin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Dog Breeders To Obtain Permits To Breed Dogs for Sale. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: Dog Breeders are required to obtain a permit from the state of Kentucky in order to breed dogs for sale. Section 2: To obtain a permit, dog breeders must participate in a yearly training presented by their local animal control agency at the expense of the owner. The funds collected from the payment of the yearly permit will go towards the local animal control agency so they continue to enforce proper breeding facilities. Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to prevent the mistreatment and cruelty of dogs in mass breeding operations. This bill will provide the proper training necessary to operate a breeding business and funding to ensure breeding businesses are following the standard set out through the yearly training. Section 4: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky anything since the training is at the expense of the owner. Section 5: Consequences for not following this bill: 1st Offense: \$1,000 fine 2nd Offense: \$5,000 fine 3rd Offense: \$10,000 fine and you will not be eligible to apply for a permit again Section 6: The local animal control agency will enforce this bill. Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed. 

Section 8: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG8	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	_
Sponsors: Kayson Jones, James Buckman, CJ Halmon		Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simpson MS		House	Senate
City: Franklin		☐ Passed☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Providing Waivers For Foster Care Candidates Who Work In The Child Care Services.

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

Section 1: Providing waivers for foster care candidates who work in the child care services, to make it easier considering they have experience working with children. Typically to be eligible to foster a child, adults go through 6-9 months of training, evaluation and the approval process before being able to foster a child and countless hours of training.

Section 2: Child care services can be defined as people who are already trained and certified to work with children such as teachers, daycare workers, and pediatric nurses.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is that Kentucky continues to have a growing number of children who are entering the foster care system but not enough adults are being trained to care for these children. This bill will eliminate some of the redundant training that adults already have in child care services so that more adults can easily be trained foster care parents.

Section 4: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky any money.

Section 5: The Kentucky Department of Health and Family Services will enforce this bill.

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 7: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG9	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Emma Blane	e, Jackson Holland, Lexi Cavinder, Cooper Spain	Action o	n the Bill
School: Hopkinsville M	S	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Training Of Kentucky Public School Staff To Administer First Aid, CPR, AED, And Medication.

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

Section 1: Imagine being on a field trip and suddenly experiencing a severe allergic reaction. You would hope that a certified or classified staff member from your school would be there to administer your EpiPen, but you may be wrong. Kentucky has no law to currently mandate the medical training of teachers and staff members in our school. Kentucky does require coaches and extra curricular staff who may take students on trips or to competitions to be CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), AED(Automated External Defibrillator), First Aid and Medication trained. However, in some instances across our state, the only person in a school who is CPR, AED, First Aid and Medication trained is the nurse?if there is one. We would like to mandate the training of one teacher per grade level in all Kentucky public schools so that they may administer CPR, AED, first aid, and medication to all of our public school students.

Section 2: This implementation of this bill could be monitored by each county school board since they currently track the certification and qualifications of every teacher in their district, including those who may be CPR, AED, first aid, and medication trained. Currently, there are no states in the United States that have this law in effect and only eighteen states have any guidelines for CPR training within their school systems. No states require all of the medically necessary training we are asking for in this bill.

Section 3: If the required staff members in each Kentucky public school system are not CPR, AED, first aid, and medication trained by the beginning of the school year, that grade level would be unable to participate in any field trips until a teacher in the grade is trained.

Section 4: There is no cost to the state to implement this bill since the cost would be paid directly through each school or district.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year to give all schools the opportunity to train their staff.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG10	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Briella Brown, Baylee Goble, Maddie Howell		Action o	n the Bill
School: James D. Adam	ns MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Prestonsburg		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To mandate all educators to have medication training in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: The state of Kentucky will require all educators to be Medication trained each year of employment. Section 2: All Ky Educators in grade K-12 will be required to receive medication training in a manner designated by the school district. Section 3: Each district will be responsible for implementing the required training and the cost of the training. Section 4: This bill will go into effect in 2024-2025 school term

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG11	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Addison Ma	sure, Kinley Davis, Abagail Pendleton, Piper Miller	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Hodgenville		Defeated	Defeated

1 An act relating to providing a calming/sensory room in all public schools in Kentucky 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: Requirements to provide a calming/sensory room that is available to stakeholders in Kentucky 5 public schools. 6 7 Section 2: Public school districts shall establish a calming/sensory room in each public school in the state of Kentucky. A well-designed room can also serve people of all ages, multiple disabilities, as well as facilitators, 8 9 teachers, parents, caregivers, and therapists. 10 Section 3: Each school?s Site Based Decision Making will be responsible for creating the rules for the 11 12 calming/sensory room in their required policy on determining use of school space during the school day 13 related to improving classroom teaching and learning. 14 15 Section 4: Funding for this bill will come from the district's working budget, special education budget, and grants related to creating and improving calming/sensory rooms in public schools. 16 17

Section 5: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG12	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Leilee Brouss	sard, Kinz Hack, Madden Davis, JJ Clark	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act relating to the successful completion of course or program on financial literacy required for promotion to high school.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 TITLED 159.1412 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. Beginning with the entering sixth–grade class of the 2024 – 2025 school year and each year thereafter, successful completion of one (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy standards shall be a Kentucky public middle school requirement to be promoted to high school. 2. The local school-based decision–making council, or principal if no council exists, of each middle school shall determine curricula for course offerings, programs, or a combination of course offerings and programs that are aligned with the financial literacy academic standards created by the Kentucky Board of Education. 3. The local school-based decision–making council, or principal if no council exists, of each middle school shall determine a qualified individual to teach this course. 4. The Department of Education shall develop financial literacy guidelines that provide direction to local schools in developing and implementing the financial literacy standards. 5. This bill will go into effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue   BG13	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hous	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Lydia Carl, Le	eah Warren, Alia Carl, Audrie Roberts	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act relating to public schools ensuring free, healthy school meals for all students.

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

Section 1: Requirements to provide free, healthy meals to all students: Public school districts shall establish a program to offer meals at no charge to all students attending schools operating the national school lunch program and school breakfast program. 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: The department shall award funding to each school food authority that establishes a program pursuant to this section as follows: 1. The department shall distribute to each such school food authority an amount that is equal to the federal free meal reimbursement rate multiplied by the total number of eligible meals served during the applicable budget year, minus an amount equal to the federal paid meal reimbursement for eligible meals served during the applicable budget year. 2. School food authorities shall use the money received pursuant to this section to purchase commodities necessary to improve meal quality, including food and other consumables, equipment, staffing, labor needs or training and technical assistance.

3. By August 1 of each year, the department shall inform eligible school food authorities of the amount of program funding they will receive during the upcoming school year. When calculating the amount of program funding that is due to a school food authority, the department shall assume that student participation will remain at the same level as the previous school year.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Blue	BG14
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Abigail Cline,	, Dinorah Tejeda, Genesis Lima, Jameson Phillips	Action o	n the Bill
School: Marnel C. Moorman		House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing The Amount Of CPS Workers Per County In Kentucky

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

Section 1: Noting that Kentucky is ranked as the 5th highest state in the United States for rates and incidents of child abuse– This is not acceptable.

Section 2: Considering the volumes of CPS cases reported but not addressed, we are actively addressing this issue by asking to increase the amount of CPS workers per county in Kentucky. By increasing the amount of CPS workers per county, it is our hope that more CPS cases can be addressed and therefore decrease the amount of CPS cases not addressed per county in Kentucky.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG15	
the		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Benton Broa	dus, Julia Garner, Breanna Morris, Emelia Oakley	Action o	n the Bill
School: Marnel C. Moor	man	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To The Safeguarding Of School Blueprints Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Recognizing that many school shootings across the country have occurred because of accessible blueprints of school buildings, we are proposing a new law that requires blueprints of school to be removed from online and physical sources.

Section 2: Specifically noting that an accessible school print easily allowed an active shooter in Nashville, TN to memorize the school floor plan, including entrance and exit points and floor levels of the building, and therefore caused an act of violence against a school to occur.

Section 3: We believe the accessibility of school blueprints should be limited to help prevent gun and other weapon violence from happening in school buildings.

KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill  Sponsors: Ava England, Chesney Riley, Hope Jordan, Selah London  Referred to Committee: Senate   2  Action on the Bill	***  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Red	BG16
Sponsors: Ava England, Chesney Riley, Hope Jordan, Selah London  Action on the Bill		KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY		
	Sponsors: Ava England,	Chesney Riley, Hope Jordan, Selah London	Action o	n the Bill
School: Munfordville ES House Senate	School: Munfordville ES		House	Senate
□ Passed □ Passed City: Munfordville □ □ Defeated □ □ Defeate	City: Munfordville			□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Prevent Registered Sex Offenders from Inviting Trick-or-Treaters or Decorating for Halloween

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

Section 1: Registered sex offenders should not be able to pass out candy or entice trick-or-treaters to come to their home on Halloween. Our bill would ban decorating for Halloween by registered sex offenders and require all Halloween-related contact with children be avoided.

Section 2: Registered sex offenders will be required to remain inside his or her residence between the hours of 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm on Halloween unless required to be elsewhere for just cause, including but not limited to employment or medical emergencies.

Section 3: Registered sex offenders will be required to post a sign at his or her residence stating "No candy or treats at this residence" and to leave all outside residential lighting off from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Bryken Bob	yack, Jaiden Knight, Taylor Zlmmerman, Bray Hall	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	$\_\_\_$ $\square$ Passed
City: Morehead		Defeated	$\_\_$ Defeated

An Act Relating To Prisons or Jails within 5 miles of Kentucky School Campuses

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

Section 1: This bill is intended to create a safer environment for K-12 students of Kentucky by guaranteeing that all schools will have an appropriate response time to an escaped prisoner.

Section 2: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety as well as local law enforcement officials.

Section 3: After the passing of this bill, all newly constructed prisons or jails will have to be outside of a 5 mile radius from all schools in the state of Kentucky. All previously constructed prisons will be required to enforce higher security measures to decrease the level of escaped prisoners, i.e. 15 foot unscalable fences. Prisons that are in need of major repairs will instead be demolished and rebuilt outside of the 5 mile radius.

Section 4: The funding for this bill will be provided by the state tax revenue being capped at 1 million U.S. dollars a year. Funding will also come from the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

Section 5: This bill will go in effect on February 1, 2024.

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the			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Kate Robert	s, Jake Lucas, Carson Hacker, Joannah Richards	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	$\_\_\_$ $\square$ Passed
City: Morehead		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Factories Releasing Harmful Chemicals Near Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: This bill is intended to create a healthier environment for K-12 students of Kentucky by restricting the hours that factories can release harmful air pollutants into the environment surrounding K-12 schools.

Section 2: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet - Division of Air Quality.

Section 3: After the passing of this bill, all factories that release pollutants into the environment near schools will be restricted from releasing between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. By restricting the hours from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., students who are attending school nearby or student-athletes, coaches, and spectators at athletic events will be shielded from direct inhalation of harmful airborne substances.

Section 4: The funding for this bill will be provided by the state tax revenue being capped at 1 million U.S. dollars a year. Funding will also come from the Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet – Division of Air Quality.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue   BG19	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: aiden delvalle, Gianna Wigginton, Hadley Fetko, Kyle Meehan		Action o	n the Bill
School: Seton Catholic School		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

### An Act To Prevent Mass Destruction to Kentucky?s Forests. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: We are trying to work toward forest preservation. Forests all over the world are being destroyed due to clearing land for farms, housing, factories, schools, resources, and other reasons people might want to deforest important ecosystems.

Section 2: Rangers and officials start by trying to turn large forest areas into National Forests so they could be protected. Special areas will be provided for camping spots or picnic areas. Volunteers will help pick up trash and scrapes.

Section 3:: Landowners, for the most part, would be hesitant to sell or give up their land. We will explain to them the harm they would be doing if they were to cut down the trees on their property. First, animals would have to be forced out of their homes, and killed. If landowners still won?t listen, then we will describe the pollution deforestation will cause. Saws and machines to cut down their forest will emit loud noises that could affect their daily lives. Smoke will cloud up the landowners property making an uncomfortable living space. Wind might also flush all the smoke towards the house making the smoke stay longer. We could propose the carbon offset program as a plus, or use state tax incentives.

Section 4: : Fires are becoming more common due to global warming. Fires are produced by lightning or different causes. We fight fire with fire by burning down some trees facing the fire so the fire won?t have anything to burn. We would recycle the trees that we had to burn down so it wouldn?t be a waste. After the fire has been cleared, forest volunteers and rangers would replant the areas that had been burnt. Rangers would patrol the designated campsites for fire-starters. People would receive fines for leaving fire-starters.

Section 5: Government funding would be a good start as well as working with groups like the Nature Conservancy or the World Wide Fund for Nature. Volunteers could sell homemade items to raise money. We will call for donations to help our cause. In Section 3, the money from fines would be provided to fund this project, and also mentioned in Section 3, the burned trees could be sold for mulch or paper.

Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Wildlife will help monitor, and run this project.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Blue   BG20	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Harper Robo	erson, Taylor Casey, Ashley Trammell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. East MS		House	Senate
City, Challendle		Passed	□ Passed
City: Shelbyville		Defeated	U Defeated

### An Act Relating To Minors Carrying Safety Tools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 200 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Minors 13 years or older who are walkers may carry protective items such as but not limited to keychain Alarm, Pepper Spray, Mace, Tactical Pens, etc. (2) Schools will have explicit permission from guardians for students to carry.

Section 2: Schools will have the right to confiscate the item under the following circumstances: 1. Device is used in an inappropriate manner; 2. Permission from the guardian has not been pertained; 3. Underage minors are found to have the device.

Section 3: This act will go into effect in the 2024–2025 school year.

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

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Blue	BG21
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Emmi Carr, 0	Caliann Nethery, Emma Parsons, Kaleeah Bailey	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. West MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Shelbyville		Defeated	Defeated

## An Act Relating To Limiting Drinking and Driving Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 189A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS; (1) any establishment that has a liquor license will be responsible for hiring and training people to stand by the doors of clubs and bars and any places in general that serve alcohol before they leave to test people if they are at the safe limit to be driving; using a breathalyzer. In an establishment where liquor is served, they must have two-day parking.

Section 2: Guards would check the driver's Blood Alcohol Level using a breathalyzer. If the driver BAC is higher than 0.08: patrons will have three choices: Call another person to pick them up. Hire a ride home, such as Uber, Lyft, or a ride share service, etc; Wait in a designated area of the bar to become sober; when the facility closes they will have to call somebody or get a ride-share service; If patrons choose to still get behind the wheel drunk, the guards will call the police, with the car description and license plate.

Section 3: If the facilities do not follow this law either liquor license will be revoked for 6 months or until they do follow the law.

Section 4: This bill shall be established in Kentucky by June 1st, 2024

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

***  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Blue   BG22	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Klayre Dickenson, Marie Goodlett		Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. West MS		House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

## An Act Relating To Eliminating The Pink Tax Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 139 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Products shall not be taxed due to gender-based goods. This includes but is not limited to: hair care products, and body care products.

Section 2: The bill would authorize the Attorney General to seek an order to stop the business from continuing to charge additional money in violation of this bill and would authorize the court to impose a civil penalty. The civil penalty imposed by the court would be restitution in the form of actual damages.

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

***  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		Red   BG23	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Ammon Rob	inson, Kyle Benefiel, Vairon Green,	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham MS		House	Senate
City: Crestwood		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 161 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) All teachers who complete their masters degree education in the state of Kentucky should receive extra benefits and a potential bonus based on the teachers annual performance.(2) KDE says more than 6,300 of around 42,000 Kentucky teachers leave the profession each year" our solution is to make it more appealing for teachers to stay in Kentucky by increasing benefits.

Section 2: The bonus received for a good annual performance will be judged based on the students performance on the KSA state test for their respective subjects for core content teachers such as math, english, social studies or science receive an additional 3% bonus at the end of their calendar teaching year. For arts and humanities classes such as PE or Art they would be evaluated by the principal and the superintendent, staff occasionally sit in on classes and with this bill we will encourage staff to sit in session which will go towards the teachers evaluation to monitor their teaching ability. If any students have to come to the office to talk about a teacher's behavior towards them this will also go into the principal evaluation. In elementary schools, teachers will be judged based on their students' report cards but also based on the principal's evaluation of the teacher. This bill applies to all teachers and educational aids.

Section 3: A bachelor degree teacher in Kentucky makes around \$19.57 an hour. A master's degree teacher in Kentucky makes around \$27.25 an hour. The average debt among master's degree holders is \$83,651 in the US. although a 3% bonus of their salary might not seem like much. It will encourage students to get a masters degree and teach in Kentucky which will aid the teacher shortage crisis in the state of kentucky.

Section 4: This bill will be put into effect at the start of the next calendar school year from the point in time it is passed because the calendar school year could start before or after.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG24
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Caroline Dra	ke, Leila White, Emma Jang, Murphy Propst	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham MS		House	Senate
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## An Act Relating To Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Under the statute, a 16- or 17-year-old living in Kentucky (or his parents or guardian) can file a petition asking a judge to declare him emancipated. Courts must give the child's parents or guardian legal notice and order them and the child to attend a hearing. The statutory grounds for emancipation are (1) marriage (even if the child has since divorced); (2) active U.S. military service; (3) the child is willingly living apart from his parents or guardians (with or without their consent) and is managing his own financial affairs, regardless of the lawful source of his income; or (4) a good cause showing that emancipation is in the best interests of the minor or his child or the minor's parents or guardian.

Section 2: This bill will ensure minors ages 16-years old or seventeen year-old a way out of their harmful environment. The emancipation will require a petition, evidence of good cause, and notice of a hearing to the minor?s parents or legal guardians. Once there, the court shall rule if the evidence shows it is in the best interest of the minor, any child of the minor, and/or the parents or legal guardian of the minor for the minor to be emancipated.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red   BG25	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Evelyn McCa	auley, Henry Burket, Roger Quarles, Owen Park	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Francis of A	ssisi ES – Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
City. Louisville		Deleated	L Deleated

An Act Relating To Reducing Pollution from Hotel Single Use Plastic Self Care Bottles Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: Hotels account for one percent of worldwide carbon dioxide emissions. 60,000,000 hotel small single use plastic self care bottles on average will end up in US landfills.

Section 2: All Kentucky hotels will discontinue providing small single use plastic self care products. Each establishment is encouraged to use bulk dispensers of self care products for personal hygiene purposes.

Section 3: Any hotel in violation will be cited and given a warning for the first offense. Any hotel failing to correct the violation within 30 days will be accessed \$500 a day for any subsequent violation.

Section 4: Hotels with 50+ rooms will not provide small single use plastic self care bottles after January 1, 2025, and hotels with less than 50 rooms will not provide small single use plastic self care bottles after January 1, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG26	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: JJ Mistretta,	Caleb Lineberry	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and F	Paul School – Lexington	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Changing the Number of School Days in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Removing all Fridays throughout the school year.

Section 2: Removing all Fridays and adding 1.5 hours to each school plus 5 days off break it will be the same amount of school time if the days were still there.

Section 3: We would spend more time each day at school, but the impact of 8.5 hour days would be that we don?t have to go to school on Fridays. This could also help kids better understanding the subject because they would not forget it when they go home and could learn it all in one day.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG27	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Aubrey Barn	ett, Bailey Gibson, Kendal Dadisman, Harper Ford	Action o	n the Bill
School: The New Haver	ı ES	House	Senate
City: New Haven		Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Individuals Who Kill Guardians in a Motor Vehicle Accident are Required to Pay Child Support.

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

Section 1: (1) A person who is guilty of murder or manslaughter of a guardian of a minor in a motor vehicle accident is required to pay child support for each child in the household when they: Drive under the influence of drugs, alcohol, etc, and kill a guardian of a minor in a motor vehicle accident in violation of KRS 189A.010; or The person recklessly or wantingly murders the guardian of a child in a motor vehicle accident (2) All child support will apply per Kentucky Revised Statutes 403.212

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG28	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	
Sponsors: Ethan Strick	er	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna	Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Reinstate Renewable Energy Tax Credits Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS 141.436 to renew tax credits for families and businesses that install renewable energy systems at their home or business. This includes solar panels, geothermal heat systems, energy efficient windows and lighting systems, wind energy, insulation, and any other renewable energy systems that may become available for the duration of the bill.

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Section 2: KRS141.436 is amended to read as follows: Tax credit for installation of energy efficiency products for residential and commercial property -- Administrative regulations -- Reports. (1) (a) For taxable periods beginning after December 31, 2024, and beginning before January 1, 2035, there is hereby created a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed under KRS 141.020 or 141.040, and KRS 141.0401, with the ordering of credits as provided in KRS 141.0205. The credit shall apply if one (1) or more of the items listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection is installed during the taxable year in a dwelling unit located in the Commonwealth that is owned by the taxpayer and used by the taxpayer as: 1. The taxpayer's principal place of residence; or 2. A single-family or multifamily residential rental unit. (b) The tax credit shall equal thirty percent (30%) of the installed costs of: 1. Upgraded insulation, not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100); 2. Energy-efficient windows and storm doors, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250); or 3. Qualified energy property, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). (c) In no case shall the total credits provided under this subsection exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per taxpayer. (2) (a) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, and beginning before January 1, 2035, there is hereby created a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed under KRS 141.020 or 141.040, and KRS 141.0401, with the ordering of credits as provided in KRS 141.0205, if one (1) or more of the items listed in paragraph (b) of this subsection is installed during the taxable year on a dwelling unit located in the Commonwealth, or on property located in the Commonwealth that is owned and used by the taxpayer as commercial property. (b) The tax credit shall equal: 1. Thirty percent (30%) of the installed costs of: a. An active solar space-heating system; b. A passive solar space-heating system; c. A combined active solar space-heating and waterheating system; d. A solar water-heating system; and e. A wind turbine or wind machine; or 2. Three dollars (\$3) per watt direct current (DC) of rated capacity of a solar photovoltaic system. (c) In no case shall the total tax credits provided in this subsection exceed: 1. Five hundred dollars (\$500) per taxpayer if installed on a dwelling unit located in the Commonwealth that is owned by the taxpayer and used by the taxpayer as: a. The taxpayer's principal place of residence; or b. A single-family residential rental unit; or 2. One thousand dollars (\$1,000) per taxpayer if installed on property located in the Commonwealth that is owned and used by the taxpayer as: a. A multifamily residential rental unit; or b. Commercial property; (3) (a) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, and beginning before January 1, 2035, there is hereby created a

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG28	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Ethan Strick	er	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna	Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed under KRS 141.020 or 141.040, and KRS 141.0401, with the ordering of credits as provided in KRS 141.0205, if one (1) or more of the following is installed during the taxable year on property located in the Commonwealth that is owned and used by the taxpayer as commercial property: 1. An energy-efficient interior lighting system; and 2. An energy-efficient heating, cooling, ventilation, or hot water system. (b) The tax credit shall equal thirty percent (30%) of the installed costs of: 1. An energy-efficient interior lighting system, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per taxpayer; and 2. An energy-efficient heating, cooling, ventilation, or hot water system, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per taxpayer. (c) In no case shall the total tax credits provided in this subsection exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per taxpayer. (d) For purposes of the tax credit provided by this subsection, "commercial property" shall not include single-family or multifamily residential units. (4) The tax credits provided under this section shall apply in the tax year in which the installation is completed. If the credit cannot be taken in full in the year in which the installation is completed, the tax credit may be carried forward one (1) year. (5) The department may request copies of invoices, purchase receipts, installation contracts, proof of installer's NABCEP certification, and any other information that the department determines necessary to verify credits taken. (6) If the taxpayer has taken the ENERGY STAR home or the ENERGY STAR manufactured home tax credit provided under KRS 141.437, the tax credits provided under this section shall not apply. (7) The department shall establish, by administrative regulation, the guidelines and technical requirements for items that are eligible for the tax credits provided under subsection (2) of this section, including but not limited to requirements for capacity, siting, plumbing, collector mountings, and pressurization.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG29	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Skylar Comb	os, Zoie Brooks, Cheyanne Hatter	Action o	n the Bill
School: Walton-Verona	a MS	House	Senate
City: Walton		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
City: Walton			

### An Act Relating To the Humane Treatment of Racehorses in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Racehorsing brings in quite a bit of revenue for our state. Per the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the equine industry generates roughly \$6.5 billion in total economic impact, supports over 60,000 jobs, and brings in over \$100 million in tax revenue for the state.

Section 2: Sadly, there has been an increase in deaths of racehorses in Kentucky in recent years.

Section 3: The Kentucky Humane Society will implement and enforce the humane treatment of the racehorses of Kentucky. Horses will be drug tested and examined randomly to ensure their proper care.

Section 4: If a horse tests positive for illegal and harmful drugs or steroids, or a physical determines that a horse has been abused or mistreated, the owner will be fined \$5,000 for the first offense. The second offense will result in a \$10,000 fine. The third offense will result in the loss of racing privileges.

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



# COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW1	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Ethan Holde	r, Blake Thomason, Brenlee Yates, Faith Higgins	Action o	n the Bill
School: Auburn ES		House	Senate
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City: Auburn		Defeated	Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Foster Care System Reform Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 620.360 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Increase the percentage of funding that foster families receive. (2) The current allowances per diem for foster children will be raised by 5%. (3) If any discrepancies in spending should arise, foster parents must provide itemized receipts for items or goods bought with money given by the state for fostered children. (4) Families seeking to foster may not house more than 7 children (biological, adopted, or fostered) at a time, unless the home is fostering siblings. (5) There should be required counseling/therapy approximately 2 times per month (or more based on need) for each child in foster care. (6) Required counseling/therapy will aid in finding indicators of abuse, if any, in the foster home, and will help more closely monitor the mental health and well-being of each child in foster care.

Section 2: Funding for the 5% increase in per diem allowances and the required counseling/therapy services will be appropriated through the state budget.

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

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW2	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	_
Sponsors: Will Darnell,	Tyler Wiemers	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bourbon Co. MS	5	House	Senate
City: Paris		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating To Free Veteran's Healthcare 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: The law is to provide free healthcare for all veterans and their families. This provides a secondary insurance to the already provided federal veterans insurance for the veterans and their immediate family. This includes any medically necessary care, including dental, vision, counseling and pharmaceutical care. Covered family members include the spouse/surviving spouse, child (both biological and adopted), or family caregiver of a veteran or service member.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW3	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Emory Deem	, Lucy May	Action o	n the Bill
School: Boyle Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Danville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act To Implement Student Healthcare in Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Many students are left vulnerable to illnesses because of a lack of healthcare. Around 17,000 kids die annually from being unable to get vaccinated and treated for diseases because of the lack of health care. As of 2022, Kentucky ranked 37th in healthcare access and 48th in public health, out of 50 states.

Section 2: Public schools throughout the commonwealth will provide in-school medical services in August and again in January to administer vaccinations and check-ups to all students grades kindergarten-senior year. All students within public schools and participating private schools in Kentucky will be signed up to receive in-school checkups and vaccinations by a nurse from the local health department. Guardians will have the option to opt out of this service if they prefer not to have their child seen by the nurse at this time. The bill will be an opt-out instead of an opt-in because, in the student handbook, the bill will be stated showing all guardians of students that their student is eligible for the checkups and vaccinations. The cost for the check-up and vaccinations will be based on the socio-economic status of the student. The service would be free for families who receive free or reduced lunch through the school.

Section 3: All students within public schools and participating private schools in Kentucky will have a checkup and school immunizations provided at their school. This will be coordinated by the local health department and school district nurse. The bill will also be announced in the student handbook so that all students and families of students will know that their student is eligible to receive a check-up and vaccines.

Section 4: Students receiving free or reduced lunch will receive free vaccinations provided through the county health department. Vaccines for students not qualifying for free or reduced lunch will have discounted vaccines available based on their household income. Households that have insurance may apply their insurance to the expense of the vaccines. The maximum expense for a vaccine provided by the health department is \$100 which only applies to those who do not have insurance and do not qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Section 5: The bill allowing students to receive in-school check-ups and vaccinations will go into effect in the state of Kentucky in August of the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW4	
			Committee: te   2
<b>Sponsors</b> : Kenleigh Green Satterly	eenwell, Mary Hopper, Cassidy Magness, Audrina	Action o	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge Co	o. MS	House	Senate
City: Harned		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To sight testing over the age 65 when renewing drivers license. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186.4101 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: When a driver reaches the age of 65, a mandatory eye test will be required when renewing a drivers license.

Section 2: According to the Center for Disease Control, between 2000 and 2020, the number of licensed senior drivers, or those aged 65 and older, increased by 68 percent to nearly 48 million drivers. Over 233,235 senior citizens were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2020. Those aged 65 and older had a vehicular death rate of 15.52% per 100,000 persons. Seniors 80 and older had the highest death rate at 20.21%, which is nearly 77% higher than the national average of 12.13%.

Section 3: This bill will be enacted by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

Section 4: If you fail the eye exam, the senior citizen will have to try again after receiving glasses (or contacts) to correct vision to an acceptable standard. If the senior citizen is blind and/or vision cannot be corrected to an acceptable standard, then a driver's license/permit will be denied.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW5	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Olivia Penro	od, Nyssa Velazquez, Presley Brown, Kirsten Slone	Action o	n the Bill
School: Burgin Indeper	ndent MS	House	Senate
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City: Burgin		Defeated	Defeated

### An Act Relating To the Reporting of Child Abuse by Responsible Parties **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

 Section 1: According to the the US Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau, Kentucky's rate of child abuse is nearly double that of the national average. In 2020, Kentucky's rate of child abuse was 14.7 cases per 1,000 children compared to the national average of 8.1 cases per 1,000 children. This bill amends the current statute to increase mandatory penalties to responsible parties in an effort to catch and then reduce the incidence of child abuse in the Commonwealth.

Section 2: Emotional and/or physical damage can be permanently scarring on a child's mental and physical health. The Commonwealth needs to commit to ensuring that all children are safe and cared for in an appropriate manner. As part of that commitment, every effort needs to be utilized to ensure that all suspected cases are reported and no child's health is left unattended to.

Section 3: KRS 620.030 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2)(a)(8)(a) to read as follows: Class A misdemeanor for the first offense; Amend (2)(a)(8)(b) to read as follows: Class D felony for each subsequent offense. Delete (2)(a)(8)(c).

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW6	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Sydney Walk	er, EmmaLee Cropper, Jenna Schultz, London Fynboe	Action o	n the Bill
School: Chandlers ES		House	Senate
City: Russellville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to The Accessibility of Hygiene Products in Schools to All Students

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

 Section 1: This bill is concerning students who struggle to afford necessities such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, menstrual products, shampoo, body wash, and conditioner. Some students may struggle to afford certain items and fundamentals.

Section 2: This is a concern in many schools with multiple students. In 2020, 2.3 billion people lacked the hygiene they needed. Poor hygiene may cause social rejection and also lead to bullying, also low self-esteem. 45% of students have missed school because of embarrassment, and a third of them have missed at least a day of school each month.

Section 3: A third of families are unable to afford household goods. These families have been reported for bathing without soap, and reusing diapers. 33% of families have claimed to have these issues. It has gotten so bad, that the families have had to substitute necessities.

Section 4: The money to supply schools with these essentials would come out of a partnership with local health, family resources, and the school budget. The money out of the school budget could come from the section 6 funds. If this is not enough schools could also do fundraisers to come up with additional funding for these essentials.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW7	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: jordan Owe	n, London Taylor-Winston, Ty Brown	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. N	AS	House	Senate
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City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To require the state of Kentucky to have system protocols to reinforce you to stop texting while driving. 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: The state of Kentucky will require all phone companies to add a setting to their software that will 6 disable the driver from texting while the car is in motion. The purpose of this act is to decrease the amount 7 of car accidents that are a result of texting and driving. The impact of this bill will increase the safety of all 8 passengers in the vehicle as well as other drivers on the road. 9 10 Section 2: This bill will be enforced by the Federal Communications Commission by requiring all phone companies to add this setting to their software by August 1 of 2025. Any companies not in compliance will 11 12 receive a 85,000 fine. 13 14 Section 3: There will be no special circumstances that will not be impacted and/or will not be exempt from 15 this bill. 16 17 Section 4: The cost for this bill is \$10 per phone. This funding will come from the Federal Communications 18 Commission. 19

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW8	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Alexandra H	amilton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Owensboro		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Physical Education Reform Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Only 30.5% of Kentucky youth are considered to be physically fit, ranking Kentucky 45th out of the 50 states in youth physical fitness. Kentucky ranks as the worst state for cancer and respiratory deaths in the United States. Across the country, physical fitness standards are being lowered to accommodate those who are not fit. Even the US Army lowered its fitness standards because too many potential recruits could not pass the fitness test.

Section 2: In reformed PE classes, students will be required to show growth on a fitness test to gain class credit. It will not be required for students to all reach the same fitness level. They will only need to make progress. Students with injuries, long illnesses, and disabilities will be exempt. Students who begin a PE class and are already at a high level of fitness, can opt to pass a fitness test at the beginning of the course with a minimum score.

Section 3: Once the Physical Education curriculum has been reformed, PE teachers will lead students through exercises and healthy conscious activities instead of games and play time as seen in many PE classes. The cost of this will be minimal and will not make a large financial difference, as school boards change curriculum for other subject areas every year.

Section 4: This will take effect in the 2025–2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW9	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Luka Skibba,	Isaiah Arnold	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Owensboro		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Enacting a Tax Holiday on School Supplies in August **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Kentucky ranks as the 6th poorest state in the United States, with over 16% or 1/6 of Kentuckians living below the poverty line. The rate is even higher for children, with 22% living in poverty. For many parents, the Back to School Season is one of difficulty. Besides school supplies, students also need new clothes, shoes, and technology.

Section 2: A Tax Holiday is a predetermined time, usually a few days, where sales tax will not be collected on purchases. In Kentucky, the sales tax is 6% on all purchases. Tax holidays on school supplies currently occur in 17 states, including Tennessee, which attracts shoppers from neighboring states. A tax holiday will also benefit Kentucky businesses and retailers with increased revenue. Online purchases, unless picked up in Kentucky, will still be taxed to give local businesses priority.

Section 3: This will go into effect during the last full weekend of July 2024, beginning at 12:01 AM Friday and ending at 11:59 PM Sunday.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Revenue will enforce this.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW10	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Allie Ford, I	Presleigh Selk, Emma Toth, Molly Gann	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simp	son MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Franklin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Every Public High School In Kentucky To Offer The Educator (Teaching & Learning) Pathway.

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

Section 1: This bill will require every public high school in Kentucky to offer the educator pathway as part of their Career and Technical Education classes.

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to support the recruitment of a diverse and effective educator workforce starting with high school students. The number of teachers entering the career has been going down and by requiring every public high school to have an educator pathway would encourage more students to go into the teaching profession.

Section 3: Consequences for school districts not following this new law: 1st Offense: Warning 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine of the School District 3rd Offense: \$2,000 fine of the School District 4th Offense: \$5,000 fine of the School District for every month that this is not implemented

Section 4: This bill will not require any funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any funding required would be at the local school district level. All courses that are taught in this pathway can be taught by any teacher with a Rank II and five years' experience so the high school could probably use already existing teachers to teach these courses.

Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness and the Office of Career and Technical Education within the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

27 Section 7: This law will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW11	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Brayden Wo	ood, Mikey Fowler, Tucker Zeman, Avery Dickerson	Action c	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	on MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Franklin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Making Casinos Legal In The State Of Kentucky. 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: It is proposed that casinos will be legalized in the state of Kentucky, with the taxes from the 5 casinos going back to the state. 6 7 Section 2: Despite the fact that Kentucky already has gambling like horse betting, sports betting, and charitable gaming. If we make casinos in Kentucky legal, it will be very beneficial for there will be a lot of 8 9 businesses coming to Kentucky and also a lot of people coming to Kentucky to gamble. Which will lead to a lot of money for things Kentucky needs. 10 11 12 Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to increase the funds for things like education, first responders, 13 infrastructure, and buildings. 14 15 Section 4: This bill will not cost the taxpayers or the government of Kentucky any money. However it will raise money that will go to the states fund education in the commonwealth of Kentucky. 16 17 18 Section 5: This bill will lead to the creation of the Kentucky gaming commission which would be created to 19 enforce this bill. 20 21 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed. 22

Section 7: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW12	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Sydney Kor	now, Evelyn Dobbs, Ella Peden, Kenzie Davidson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simp	son MS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	Passed
City: Franklin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Educating 4th-12th Grade Students For When An Active Shooting Takes Place.

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

Section 1: Students from fourth grade to twelfth grade will be educated on how to react when an active shooting takes place by the school resource officer.

Section 2: Every school's resource officer will be required to hold at least a 30 minute session with students in the school. This can be held in each individual classroom, or as an assembly by grade level. Each school can decide how the resource officer will share the information, or any programs they use. If resource officers are not present in the school, the local Police Station will partner with the schools to provide this training.

Section 3: Shootings in Kentucky have only been increasing in the last few years, and they don't just happen at school. Students need to be informed about how to save themselves and others in the situation, especially when a specific plan is not in place. Taking this training could enable someone to save themselves and teach those who have not been taught what to do in this awful situation.

Section 4: The training for the active shooting situations will not cost anything. The teaching from resource officers will be part of their paycheck and if needed from the local police station it would be voluntary to the school.

Section 5: 1st offense: Warning from Kentucky Board of Education 2nd offense: \$1,000 fine to the School District 3rd offense: \$5,000 fine to the School District 4th offense: Additional \$5,000 fine and Warning of suspension for the superintendent 5th offense: Additional \$5,000 fine and Suspension of the superintendent until training is in place.

Section 6: The Kentucky Board of Education will enforce this bill.

Section 7: All laws of parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 8: This bill will go in effect on July 1, 2024.

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the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Aiden Riley,	Caleb Glover	Action o	n the Bill
School: Hopkinsville MS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To The Training of All Kentucky Teachers To Administer EpiPens (epinephrine auto-injector).

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

Section 1: Imagine that you are coughing, then with every breath you take it is getting harder and harder to breathe. Your pulse becomes weak, your throat is tightening up, and hives are developing on your body. For the four (4) million school children that suffer from food allergies, this situation is a reality. Sadly, there are approximately 150 children that die each year related to food allergies, around 100 of these deaths are due to peanut allergies. If more individuals were trained to administer an Epinephrine Auto-Injector or EpiPen, particularly those individuals that are around our Kentucky school students the majority of the day, Kentucky teachers, these startling numbers could be reduced.

Section 2: The list of teachers in every school district could be monitored by the school nurse in each building with a master list that could be kept at each school district?s board of education offices. Information such as this is already stored at board offices when specific teachers complete medicine training each year. Currently, there is a 2013 federal bill encouraging states to require a stock of EpiPens in a school called The

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School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act, however there are no laws in any state requiring all school teachers to be trained to administer an EpiPen.

 Section 3: If a teacher does not complete the training to administer the EpiPen within the first 30 days of school, they will not be able to accompany students on field trips or to administer the EpiPen to a student in need until the training is complete.

Section 4: There is no cost to implement this bill.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW14	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Cameron Lit	tle, Landon Stephens, Khenan Welch, Brody Hicks	Action o	n the Bill
School: James D. Adam	ns MS	House	Senate
		Dassed	□ Passed
City: Prestonsburg		Defeated	Defeated

# An Act Relating To school shooting education Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Requiring that all schools must go through an active shooter lockdown drill at minimum once a month.

Section 2: Faculty and Students of grades K-12 must go through an active shooter lockdown training at a minimum of once a school term led by a local law enforcement department.

Section 3: This training should include such things as but not limited to, where to go, how to notice if someone is there that isn't supposed to be, what to do if they are outside of the classroom during the lockdown, how to stay calm and keep quiet, and what to do once the shooter is inside the school or classroom.

Section 4: This act will take place at the beginning of 2024–2025 school year.

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<b>Sponsors</b> : Elizabeth Goble, A Adams	Adrionna Layne, Morgan Marsillett, Presleigh	Action o	n the Bill
School: James D. Adams MS		House	Senate
City: Prestonsburg		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To mandate random drug testing for all Kentucky students grades 6-12

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

Section 1: Mandatory random drug testing for all students in Kentucky schools grades 6-12.

Section 2: Individual School Districts will create a district policy for mandatory drug testing of all students in grades 6–12. Which will include steps for drug counseling for students who have shown positive results.

Section 3: Individual School district will determine the drug testing laboratories that they will use, type of testing and will pay cost of testing.

Section 4: This act will take place at the beginning of 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW16	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Maci Maupir	n, Rheygan Plouvier, Emma Tucker, Brooklyn Williams	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
City. Hougeliville			Deleated

An act relating to Personalized Accommodations For Standardized Testing in Public 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: Personalized Accommodations For Standardized Testing in Public Schools.

 Section 2: Personalized accommodations on standardized testing acknowledge that individuals have diverse learning styles, physical abilities, and cognitive differences. These accommodations could provide necessary adjustments to the testing conditions, allowing individuals to showcase their knowledge and skills without being hindered by their disabilities or exceptionalities. Personal accommodations level the playing field, ensuring that individuals are evaluated based on their true abilities rather than their limitations.

Section 3: Personalized accommodations could include but is not limited to providing extra time, a quiet testing environment, or assistive technologies such as any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education would create a subcommittee much like the Education Assessment and Accountability to create a list of personalized accommodations that could be appropriate for students across the Commonwealth.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW17	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	
Sponsors: Mallory Smit	h, Leona Foster, Jade Singleton, Maci Singleton	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act relating to the renewal of a driver?s license for Kentucky citizens over the age of 65.

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

Section 1: A NEW SUB-SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186.410 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Subject to the provisions of KRS 186.4101, applications for renewal licenses and personal identification cards for Kentucky citizens that are sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be made every two (2) years within the birth month of the applicant. Renewal of license is subjected to the successful completion of the vision test, written test, and road skills test pursuant to KRS 186.480.

Section 2: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW18	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Addison Gro	ce, Addy Shrader, Kenzie Benningfield, Shana Hunt	Action o	n the Bill
School: Munfordville ES		House	Senate
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City: Munfordville		Defeated	L. Defeated

An Act Relating To Require Kentucky to Develop & Implement a Health Curriculum for Grades 3–12

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

Section 1: America's Health Rankings placed Kentucky among the 10 unhealthiest states, ranking its healthiness 43rd overall. When specific categories are examined, Kentucky is ranked 48th in frequent physical distress, multiple chronic conditions, and obesity. Kentucky continues to have some of the highest teen birth rates in the nation at 23.8 teen births per 1,000 females aged 15 to 19. In rankings that put the highest numbers at the bottom, Kentucky ranked 45th for this measure. Likewise, the state also continues to be a national leader in vaping and smoking, ranking 48th for adult use of electronic cigarettes and 45th for cigarettes (again, with higher numbers at the bottom).

Section 2: In order to combat these unhealthy behaviors, we need a massive overhaul of our health education curriculum in grades 3–12. One high school health class is not enough, a health curriculum needs to be developed that teaches about nutrition, a healthy lifestyle, and disease prevention. With this knowledge, graduating seniors would know how to prevent, diagnose, and detect many of our most expensive and lethal illnesses. Congestive heart failure is our nation's most expensive diagnosis. If we educate students on the drivers that lead to that diagnosis (definition of Hypertension, Diabetes, how smoking kills and disables, how to nourish and protect our bodies, the symptoms and prevention of heart attack and stroke, etc.), Kentucky could lead the nation instead of trailing behind in health.

Section 3: Retired physicians, nurses, EMT's, nutritionists, and other health-related workers would work with educators to develop an age appropriate curriculum that would progress from year to year. In the 3rd grade, for example, students would learn the heart has 4 rooms, the valves act as "doors" and the arteries are hoses. By the senior year, students would know how to check blood pressure and that a normal blood pressure is 120/70, as well as basic information like a BMI(body mass index) of 18-25 is normal and helps prevent or treat high blood pressure.

Section 4: The teacher salaries and resources needed to implement this curriculum would come from tax dollars collected from online sports betting platforms such as FanDuel, DraftKings, and BetMGM Sportsbook.

Section 5: Understanding this curriculum would take some time to develop, this bill would go into effect in the 2025–2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW19	
			Committee: te   2
<b>Sponsors</b> : Jennifer Prud Stephens	dente, Haylyn Pierce, Rachel McQueary, Raegann	Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Russell Springs		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Kentucky Public School Start Times Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), the average start time for public schools is roughly 8:00 a.m. In the state of Kentucky, the average start time for public schools was 8:06 a.m. local time, meaning that over half of our schools are already starting at or beyond the proposed time. However, nearly 42% of schools across the Bluegrass start report a start time of earlier than 8:00 a.m. Most of those schools report starting anywhere from 7:30 – 7:45 a.m., with roughly 7% of Kentucky schools starting BEFORE 7:30 a.m.

Section 2: According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "not getting enough sleep is common among middle and high school students and is associated with several health risks including being overweight, drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco, and using drugs, as well as poor academic performance. One of the reasons adolescents do not get enough sleep is early school start times."

Section 3: The American Academy of Pediatrics recognizes insufficient sleep in adolescents as an important public health issue that significantly affects the health and safety, as well as the academic success, of our nation?s middle and high school students. Although a number of factors, including biological changes in sleep associated with puberty, lifestyle choices, and academic demands, negatively affect middle and high school students' ability to obtain sufficient sleep, the evidence strongly implicates earlier school start times (i.e. before 8:30 a.m.) as a key modifiable contributor to insufficient sleep, as well as circadian rhythm disruption, in this population.

Section 4: Any school district in Kentucky found to be noncompliant with this new policy shall have any current or future government-funded building project funds frozen until they are found to be in compliance.

Section 5: This act shall go into effect with the 2024–2025 school year.

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW20	
the		1101011011	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Annabelle S	Schneider, Brianna Pabian, Maddie Blandford	Action o	n the Bill
School: Seton Catholic	School	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

#### An Act to promote a great start to all children living in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Hundreds of children born in Kentucky to young mothers with little money start life at a disadvantage. These children deal with issues of poor nutrition, inadequate housing and Not having enough essentials such as diapers or clothes. Our Bill would direct mothers to local agencies that could provide assistance and create an agency to oversee and lend aid to those in need.

Section 2: Kentucky Department of Child Services would create and operate a database that would identify all agencies in each county that provide assistance and direct mothers there. Mothers would sign up for this program through their physician in the 8th month and checked into the program when they deliver their child. The agency would also provide assistance based on the need and what other agencies were unable to provide.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Child Services would be in charge of monitoring and administering the program. The KDCS would also Coordinate with local agencies to provide these services.

Section 4: The program would be funded by a 1% tax added to tobacco products.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW21	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Briley Staple	s, Donald Wright, James Suddick, Noah Hardesty	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. East	MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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

Section 1: A SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311A.010 IS (AMENDED) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: AMEND (13) (A) TO READ AS FOLLOWING: THE DEFINITION CHANGE WOULD STATE THAT ALL PARTIES WHO RESPOND TO CRISIS SCENARIOS, AND OTHERS WHO REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURES IN TIMES OF NEED, OR CRISIS. THE CHANGING OF THE DEFINITION WOULD ALLOW FOR MORE PARTIES THAN LINEMAN TO BE CONSIDERED AS "FIRST RESPONDERS?. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR ELECTRICAL LINEMEN, POLICE AND OTHER ENTITIES TO BE SEEN AS FIRST RESPONDERS. AND WHO GETS FIRST RESPONDER TITLES AND BENEFIT.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 A IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: first responders, after a quota of 5 years, would be allowed to qualify as a first responder. And thus, would allow for linemen to be seen as a first responder, in a legal regard. Furthermore, a qualification one could hit in order to get the card earlier would be to serve in the repair of electrical infrastructure, in a natural disaster (Hurricane, Tornado, Icestorm, flood, or earthquake) or, apart of a response to an incident such as but not limited to: Incidents revolving any casualties, large damage to infrastructure or response to major catastrophe.

Section 3: Any Statute Contrary to this Act Shall be Amended or Repealed.

Section 4: This bill shall go into effect 180 days upon passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW22	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Brody Branh	am, Ian Johnson, Caleb Kampschaefer, Ivan Penix	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. East	MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To deducting state taxes from private and public education systems employees

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS. (1) employees in the private and public education systems will not have city and state taxes deducted from their paychecks.

Section 2: This act takes effect 2024–2025 school year.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW23	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Alyson Noa	nck	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. We	st MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Shelbyville		Defeated	Defeated

# An Act Relating To The Abused of Reptilian and Small Pets Animals Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Protecting reptiles and small animal from harm. Something like a rabbit or a mouse would be considered a small animal Section 2: Abused animals will show the following signs: 1. The animals are afraid to approach humans or cower away from any human approaching them; 2. Signs of obvious bruises and/or injuries; 3. Limbing.

Section 3: If abuse is found to be true after being reported, it would be a Class B Misdemeanor -no more than 90 days of imprisonment; fine up to \$250.

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

15 Section 5: This act will take effect on April 11th, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW24	
			Committee:
Sponsors: James Lave	nson, Nicholas Mayer, Lucy Coker, Felix Jozefowicz	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Francis of A	Assisi ES - Louisville	House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Reducing Light Pollution in Kentucky. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Light pollution ruins the view of the night sky. Blue light emitted from LED street lights affects circadian cycles, reduces melatonin, and decreases the effectiveness of a person's energy. It also affects animals and their migration and mating patterns.

Section 2: All street lights on Kentucky highways and streets in cities with populations over 18,000 citizens will be modified with a cone that funnels light downward by encasing the bulb above and on the sides effective July 1, 2025.

Section 3: All street lights in Kentucky will switch to warm white bulbs when they are due to be replaced at the end of their life cycle, after 50,000 hours or by January 1, 2029, whichever comes first.

Section 4: The State of Kentucky will apply for an EPA Grant to achieve these environmental goals. Any remaining costs will be paid for by the General Fund.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW25	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Iris Dailing, 0	Coral Fox, Bryn Peyton, Annie Tovar	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and F	Paul School – Lexington	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Dogs Not Being Allowed In Beds of Trucks Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: Dogs should not be in the beds of trucks. Section 2: 100,000 dogs die each year from this. Section 3: Fine of \$500 if dog is found in truck bed, jail time if the dog is killed. Section 4: This bill will go into effect after the 90 day period in 2025. 

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW26	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Darcy Jones,	, Ellie Breitling, Maddy Carman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna	Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

# An Act Related to Drug Trafficking Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS 507.020 to allow drug traffickers who sell, deliver, or distribute controlled substances (drugs) that contribute to a user?s death to be charged with murder.

Section 2: KRS 507.020 is amended to read as follows, "Including, but not limited to, the sales, delivery, administering, and distribution of controlled substances and the operation of a motor vehicle under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, he wantonly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to another person and thereby causes the death of another person.

Section 3: If enacted, this would go into effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW27	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Lilah Borcha	rdt, Maddie Smith	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna	Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act Relating to Teachers and Student Mental Health Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS 156.095 to increase the number of training hours from one hour annually to 8 hours of Youth Mental Health First Aid every three years.

Section 2: KRS 156.095 is amended to read as follows: Beginning with the 2024–2025 school year, and every year thereafter, Mental Health First Aid training shall be required for all school district employees with job duties requiring direct contact with students in grades six (6) through twelve (12). The training shall be required every three years to keep Mental Health First Aid certification up to date. Training shall be provided either in person, by live streaming, or via a video recording and may be included in the four (4) days of professional development under KRS 158.070. (2). When a staff member subject to the training under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph is initially hired during a school year in which the training is not required, the local district shall provide suicide prevention materials to the staff member for review.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW28	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Ross Storer,	Ashley Price, Aiden Meyer, Kylin Abshear	Action o	n the Bill
School: Walton-Verona	MS	House	Senate
City: Walton		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will work to increase the financial well being of Kentucky workers. The current cost of living for one year in Kentucky is \$40,840 per person. The minimum wage in Kentucky is \$7.25 cents. If a person worked 12 hours a day for a year they would only make \$31,755.

Section 2: If this bill is passed the new minimum wage would be \$8.00 an hour. We feel minimum wage should be raised 75 cents.

Section 3: Kentucky's minimum wage follows the federal minimum wage. Kentucky has not raised the minimum wage since 2009.

Section 4: If this bill passes it will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Labor. Employers that do not adhere will first have their business suspended until they do raise the employee's wage. A second offense will compensate for the employees loss of pay and they will receive a citation. A third offense would lead to jail time for the business owner.

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