

BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG1	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Katelyn Mat	anich, Chloe Thai, Reese Reynolds, Mabel Rajewich	Action o	n the Bill
School: Barret Tradition	nal MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Banning Single Use Plastic in Restaurants 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: All restaurants in Kentucky shall use an alternative to single use plastic items such as items made 4 5 from compostable material or paper products due to plastics negative effects on wildlife, waterways, and 6 climate 7 Section 2: Funds shall be appropriated from the restaurants earnings and supply budget 8 9 10 Section 3: All restaurants will have a two month period once the law goes into effect to change out their 11 plasticware to compostable material or paper products 12 Section 4: Failure to implement this law after the two month period will result in the following 1st Time 13 Offense: a written warning 2nd Time Offense: a \$750 fine 3rd Time Offense: a \$500 fine and their ranking 14 15 dropped by one star

○	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG2	
the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Shelby Hill, Ella Hughes, Ella Wehrman		Action o	n the Bill
School: Christ the King	g ES – Lexington	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing The Break Times For Pregnant Women During An Eight Hour Shift Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will require pregnant women who work eight hour shifts to have two 20 minute breaks and one 40 minute lunch break. When women who are pregnant are on their feet too much, the risk of swelling, headaches, fever, and passing out increases. This can be harmful for both the mother and the child. If a mother experiences any of these conditions and are required to take a day off work, the time that the mother spends with her newborn, after birth, would be decreased.

Section 2: When pregnant women have high physical and mental stress it can cause health problems. In addition to the health factors listed above, women can experience high blood pressure and heart disease. Stress is very bad for pregnant women because it can cause a preterm baby (born before 37 weeks of pregnancy) as well as a low birth weight baby (weighing less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces). This law will help decrease the amount of stress from work by giving pregnant women more time to relax. It is important for pregnant women to get off their feet because the extra fluid and water inside the body makes it harder to do things.

Section 3: Companies that do not adhere to this new law will be fined. The fines will be \$350 for the first infraction. If the company does not follow this new law again, the company will be fined \$500 for the second infraction. The third infraction would come with major consequences. For example, the Department of Labor would determine the next course of action.

Section 4: This will help reduce mothers' stress while working long hours, and it will help keep them safe and healthy. This bill is important because if we don't take action then women could potentially pass out, faint, and even cause an increase in having a miscarriage. It will benefit many women in Kentucky who work long hours and/or those having a hard time with their pregnancy because of being on their feet too much.

Section 5: This Act will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG3	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Lara Spice,	Brinley Edwards, Niya Hobbs, Rebecca Murray	Action c	n the Bill
School: Community Mo	ontessori School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to Enhancing Mental Health Care for Students by Installing Mental Health Clinics in Public Schools

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

Section 1: If passed, this bill would enhance Kentucky's current efforts in mental health counseling and care in public schools by creating a safe space for students to receive mental health care from specialists and professionals in schools.

Section 2: Kentucky is ranked 37th in child well-being in the United States, making the overall physical and mental health of Kentucky children one of the lowest in the nation. 16% of Kentucky kids suffer from diagnosed anxiety or depression disorders.

Section 3: This bill would create a designated room or office for students to have a safe space to seek mental health counseling and shelter from the daily social, emotional, physical, and relational stressors that students face on a daily basis. The state of Kentucky currently requires one trained counselor for every 250 students in public schools. The current trained professional counselors already employed by schools will relocate to this designated space, providing easily accessible mental health care and counseling. This would help them perform their current duties, ensuring that all students are being reached and cared for across the state.

Section 4: Counselors will also be required to check in with each student enrolled in their school once per semester, without any prompting on the students' behalf. This intentional check in will allow students who may be silently struggling to feel seen, cared for, and understood. This will encourage students to feel comfortable in taking advantage of offered counseling services in schools, reducing rates of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. This check in policy will be enforced by a regular report to the Kentucky State Department of Education.

Section 5: The funding required for this bill will be obtained by raising the current annual sales tax on tobacco products by 5%. This would provide a state budget of \$25 million. When divided amongst the 1,477 public schools in Kentucky, this would create an annual budget of \$17,040 per school. These funds would be used for each school to gain access to materials and resources to create an initial designated space, as well as annually provide funds to maintain the functionality and effectiveness of the space. This bill would require no additional funding for employee salaries, as counselors are already employed by law under the current state education budget.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025–2026 academic year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG4	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Dawson Felt	zy, Rykker Sites, Ava Roar, Karson Freize	Action c	n the Bill
School: East Carter Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Grayson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To: Mandatory Electrocardiograms in Sports Physicals Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Mandatory EKGs for sports physicals in an attempt to lower the rate of heart attacks in the youth of Kentucky. Heart attacks in our youth have become much more common in the last couple years. Student athletes state and nationwide have succumb to cardiac infarctions or arrest. This is an issue that is near to our community as an instance has occurred to a student within our county. This is an issue that is near to the Commonwealth as instances have occurred to students within our state. Including EKGs to sports physicals can help reduce the amount of deaths from heart attacks in child athletes, even though not all heart attacks are deadly, it can still be a terrifying/traumatic experience for everyone involved.

Section 2: This legislation will decrease the number of heart attacks in young people that play sports. It is common to assume that children and young adults have healthy hearts because they are young. Add to that the factor that young people are athletic and you think of them as the picture of health. It is 2.5 times more likely for sudden cardiac arrest to occur in young athletes than non-athletes it occurs in every 500 people.

Section 3: Mandatory electrocardiograms for all sports physicals will help save lives of Kentucky children that participate in sports. The EKGs will detect threats before a child is placed in a potentially lethal situation involving cardiac arrest. EKGs are a quick and painless procedure that measures your heartbeat using electrical waves. This quick and easy process that is covered or mostly covered by most insurance companies.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG5	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Abigail Young, Andy Listerman		Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Family ES - Ashland		House	Senate
City: Ashland		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Protection of Domesticated Animals in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill shall be known for the protection of domesticated animals in Kentucky. As of January 2020, Kentucky is ranked 47th out of the 50 United States in animal protection services. As Kentuckians, we are responsible for our domesticated animal protection and it is dwindling. The statistics show that Kentucky has a "save" rate of 84% according to Harald Leader. With approximately 2133.3 acres per county, we are asking for at least 15 government shelters, 5 rescue centers, and 8 vet clinics or animal hospitals in each county, in addition to already running facilities.

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Section 3: We are asking for 2.5 billion dollars from the U.S. Department of Treasury to build animal shelters, rescue centers, vet clinics/animal hospitals, and to support the workforce. When requesting such a gross amount of money, we are to present this bill to the Treasury along with a letter requesting the money and explaining its cause. 1 billion dollars of the requested money will be assigned to the workforce and training of adequate employees. The 1.5 billion will be allotted to the creation of these facilities and maintaining them. This bill must be put into motion by December 5, 2029. Creation of the shelters, rescue centers, and animal hospitals must be completed by February 6th, 2032.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG6	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Bridger Eye,	Gavin Garza, Asher Kieffer, Trent Holland	Action o	n the Bill
School: Murray MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	□ Passed
City: Murray		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Police Officers To Complete An American Sign Language Course **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 95.955 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All police officers and auxiliary police officers appointed or employed shall successfully complete a basic sign language course.

Section 2: New officers shall be required to complete the course during academy training prior to on duty assignments. Current officers will be required to complete the course prior to their annual training date.

Section 3: The ASL course can be completed online in the officers own time. However, police departments will have the option to hire an ASL instructor to provide the course in person.

Section 4: Officers will be required to take The American Sign Language Proficiency Interview to demonstrate proficiency.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG7	
			Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Anik Sheth, 3	JaeByn Hong	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham I	MS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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

Section 1: All citizens of Kentucky must have a Firearm License prior to the purchase of a firearm. The criteria to earn a Firearm License will be as follows: (1) One must be over the age of 21, (2) a legal taxpayer, (3) pass a gun safety course created by the Kentucky State Police, and (4) be able to provide proof of an employer.

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Section 2: If a citizen of Kentucky purchases any firearms, it must be reported to the Kentucky State Police and filed on one's permanent legal record. Every ten years, the license must be renewed. In order to renew their Firearm License, an individual is required to undergo a routine medical and background check, testing for any mental or physical health issues and checking their criminal record. Once one is over the age of sixty, this check will be performed every three years. If an individual has a medical condition that may potentially impair their ability to follow the previous procedures, or their ability to safely and responsibly operate a firearm, it must immediately be reported by one?s personal medical professional to the Kentucky State Police.

Section 3: The ATF (The Bureau of Alcohol, Firearm, Tobacco, and Explosives) will issue Firearm Licenses and conduct firearm licensee qualification and compliance inspection.

Section 4: The consequences for noncompliance or abuse of this law will be to revoke the owner?s license and put on their criminal record.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG8	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Kenny Riddle	e, Chase Duncan	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham MS		House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Lowering Insulin Prices Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This act requires drug companies to lower insulin prices to \$35 per vial of insulin. This bill will help diabetics get the insulin they need while removing a large financial burden.

Section 2: Since the 1990s, the price of insulin has gone up 1200%. Per NBCNews, drug companies manufacture insulin for \$3-\$6 per vile, but they sell it on average for \$180. On average, drug companies make about \$19,000,000 per year off insulin. This bill would not hurt any drug company to the point where they would go bankrupt.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Insurance will be in charge of executing this legislation.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG9	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Ari Mausolf, Mackenzie Kalbfleisch		Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. MS		House	Senate
City: LaGrange		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Construction on Interstates Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will restrict construction to a 5 mile radius from the edge of both ends of the construction being done. Construction zone being where the first sign is set, to the end construction sign. No additional major construction can be done on the interstate within that area. First offense \$600 fine, daily increase of \$150. The construction zone can move to different areas, as long as the construction remains as one project instead of two. This will not affect opposite driving directions, due to the fact that it may cause more traffic if they don?t have the ability to construct there.

Section 2: This bill will also affect the hours construction can be done. The standard construction times are 8PM – 6AM. This is the standard construction hours, because it helps with avoiding rush hour. Construction including things like lane closures or stopping traffic all together, should be limited to 10 hours a day. Other forms of construction like that, may require work hours to shift around. (10 hours per construction area, 8pm to 6am)

Section 3: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the passage of the bill. This bill will only apply to new construction projects.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG10	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Lucas Strobe	el, Christopher Johnson, Max Pelle, Molly McClellan	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Andrew Academy MS		House	Senate
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City: Louisville		Defeated	L Defeated

An Act Relating to The Removal of Plastic Bags from Stores in Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill requires all department and grocery stores, in the state of Kentucky, to remove the use of plastic bags given to customers.

Section 2: This bill also requires stores to mandate recycling of all plastic packaging they receive from outside distributors.

Section 3: Finally, this bill requires all stores to provide customers with paper bags, but also give the customer the option to purchase a fairly priced reuseable bag.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG11	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Emma Mela	nson, Lena Clayton, Sam Gayou, Tessa Blevins	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Leo ES		House	Senate
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City: Versailles		Defeated	Defeated

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public and private K-12 schools shall have windowless doors at every point of entry.

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

Section 3: This Act takes effect August 1st, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG12	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Joely McFar	land, Ruby Smith, MILLIE HARRIS	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
City. Louisville			L Deleated

1 An Act Relating to Sensory Rooms for K-12 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: This bill is to ensure all students have access to a sensory room in all KY schools. 5 6 Section 2: All sensory rooms should include fidgets and stress toys, as well as flexible seating such as 7 beanbags, couches, and bouncy chairs. Blankets, pillows, and soft lighting can be added to make the 8 environment more comfortable. 9 10 Section 3: Sensory rooms should be monitored by school counselors, mental health practitioners, or another designated staff member based on qualifications. 11 12 Section 4: A grant will be established with the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and the Kentucky 13 Department of Revenue to fund this act. Schools can apply for funding based on current needs. The total 14 15 cost of the sensory room would be around \$800-\$1,000 per room. 16 17 Section 5: This bill will go into effect August 1, 2024.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG13	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Elliott Chappell, Ivy George, Grace Dominy, Emme Brooks		Action or	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
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An Act Relating To The Disposition of Confiscated Firearms Used in Violent Felony Offenses

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

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□ Defeated

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

City: Louisville

 Section 2: Definitions: As used in this section, "violent felony offenses" means any crime that is: (a) A capital offense; (b) A Class A felony; (c) A Class B felony involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to a victim; (d) An offense described in KRS 507.040 or 507.050 where the offense involves the killing of a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel while the peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel was acting in the line of duty; (e) A Class B felony involving criminal attempt to commit murder under KRS 506.010 if the victim of the offense is a clearly identifiable peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel acting in the line of duty, regardless of whether an injury results; (f) The commission or attempted commission of a felony sexual offense described in KRS Chapter 510; (g) Use of a minor in a sexual performance as described in KRS 531.310; (h) Promoting a sexual performance by a minor as described in KRS 531.320; (i) Unlawful transaction with a minor in the first degree as described in KRS 530.064(1)(a); (j) Human trafficking under KRS 529.100 involving commercial sexual activity where the victim is a minor; (k) Criminal abuse in the first degree as described in KRS 508.100; (l) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by the commission or attempted commission of an assault described in KRS 508.010, 508.020, 508.032, or 508.060; (m) Burglary in the first degree accompanied by commission or attempted commission of kidnapping as prohibited by KRS 509.040; (n) Robbery in the first degree; or (o) Incest as described in KRS 530.020(2)(b) or (c). The court shall designate in its judgment if the victim suffered death or serious physical injury.

Section 3: Subject to the duty to return confiscated firearms to innocent owners pursuant to KRS 500.090, all firearms used in a violent felony offense confiscated by the Department of Kentucky State Police and not retained for official use pursuant to KRS 500.090, shall be made inoperable, unrepairable and disposed.

Section 4: Prior to the sale of any firearm, the Department of Kentucky State Police shall make an attempt to determine if the firearm to be sold has been stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained from an innocent owner and return the firearm to its lawful innocent owner, unless that person is ineligible to purchase a firearm under federal law. The innocent owner may elect to have the confiscated gun disposed in the manner specified in subsection (3) of this section.

Section 5: The Department of Kentucky State Police shall receive firearms and ammunition used in violent felony offenses confiscated by or abandoned to every law enforcement agency in Kentucky. The department shall dispose of the firearms received in the manner specified in subsection (3) of this section.

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

Section 7: This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Grayson Weaver, Aidan Sheehan, Rowan Hubbuch		Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating to a Waiting Period to Prevent Gun Violence 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: This bill will ensure all qun purchases require a wait period before the purchaser can leave with the 5 gun. 6 7 Section 2: During this wait period, companies will complete more in-depth background checks. The wait period will be based on current permits and licenses held by the individual, and by the type of gun being 8 9 purchased. Handgun: 7-14 days Rifle: 14-21 days Shotgun & Semi-Automatic: 21-28 days Automatic: 30-45 days 10 11 12 Section 3: This will be regulated by Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF). Companies that fail to comply with the wait periods will be fined. First Offense: \$2,500 13 Second Offense: \$5,000 Third Offense: \$10,000 Fourth Offense: \$15,000 Fifth Offense & Each Offense 14 15 After: \$25,000 16 17 Section 4: All money collected from the fines will be awarded to families that have experienced gun violence. 18 Families will apply through a grant system to be awarded funds. 19

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG15	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Molly Hannig	jan, Addy Ayres, Maddie Tegge, Bella DeSensi	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Mary Acade	ту	House	Senate
City: Prospect		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To motor vehicle operator licensing for those 70 years and older **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Drivers over the age of seventy will be required to retake the driving test every four years.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG16	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Jordyn Paulin, Maddie White		Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Patrick ES - Louisville		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Qualifications for Elderly Drivers to Retake The Drivers Test **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: For the drivers above 70, a new physical drivers test will be required to stay on the road. Drivers will have a maximum of 3 tries to pass. If a driver does not pass an attempt they must wait seven days to try again.

Section 2: Individuals over the age of 70 will be required to seek doctor approval to be eligible to retake the physical drivers test.

Section 3: The funds for enforcement of this bill will come from the Commonwealth of Kentucky general fund.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG17	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Anisa Gupta	, Cooper Sutherland, Emily Jane Weiss	Action o	n the Bill
School: Walden School MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Smoking indoors in a public place in the presence of persons aged twenty or under is prohibited. (2) Designated outdoor smoking areas may not be within fifteen feet of entryways, windows, and intake vents.

Section 2: The penalty for violating this section will be a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars.

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

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG18	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Lexi Liles, Jaylin Wagoner, Hallie Hazlett, cami hall		Action o	n the Bill
School: West Carter Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Olive Hill		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To criminal charges against women abusing illegal substances while pregnant **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Drug and alcohol use during pregnancy leads to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), which can seriously harm babies' development. NAS can cause tremors, seizures, convulsions, twitching, tight muscles, body dysmorphia, failure to thrive, and more. Substance abuse while pregnant not only puts the unborn baby at risk of harmful effects but also exposes the mother to obvious dangers involved with drug and alcohol abuse. A new section of KRS CHAPTER 620 will be created to read as follows: 1) Pregnant women reported abusing illegal substances will be required to seek substance abuse disorder treatment within 90 days and keep a regular schedule of postnatal care. 2) After having received the previously stated substance abuse disorder treatment, if a pregnant woman is reported abusing illegal substances on another occasion she will face criminal charges of child abuse.

Section 2: Kentucky's current law requires the mother of a child born with NAS to enroll in drug treatment within 90 days and keep a regular schedule of postnatal care or else face termination of her parental rights. With the passage of our bill, pregnant women with substance abuse disorder will still be given an opportunity to receive support. However, in an effort to diminish the rate of NAS, repeated offenders will face criminal charges. Since doctors are mandated reporters, if pregnant women are reported abusing illegal substances, the first offense will require the pregnant woman to obtain substance abuse disorder treatment as stated in KRS 600.020. The second offense will result in the pregnant woman facing charges for child abuse and/or neglect.

Section 3: The legal ramifications after receiving these charges will depend on the degree of abuse in each case as outlined in KRS 508.100, KRS 508.110, and KRS 508.120.

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

Section 5: This Act takes effect January 1st 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG19	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors : Hunter Ballou, Pierce Stotts, Madison Burkhardt, Maddie Wethington		Action o	n the Bill
School: Adair Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Columbia		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Wearing helmets when riding on motorcycles

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

Section 1: This bill relates to KRS 189.285 relating to riding and operating motorcycles. Kentucky has limited regulations for wearing helmets while operating a motorcycle.

Section 2: This bill will require all motorcycle operators and passengers to wear helmets while riding on public highways.

Section 3: This bill has no cost to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

12 Section 4: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the bill passes.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG20	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Sophia Davis		Action o	n the Bill
School: Anchorage Public ES		House	Senate
City: Anchorage		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Public School In-Person and Cyber Bullying Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Many students are getting bullied daily in KY. In fact, 1 out of every 5 students (20.2%) of students have reported being heavily bullied at school. This can be a small act at first, but soon it can lead up to student endangerment. Bullying needs to be stopped.

Section 2: Communication between kids and adults is very important. This can help release emotions and prevent rage, jealousy, temper, or other problems that cause bullying. It also lets kids ask for help if they or their peers are being bullied. Some kids can go to their parents, older siblings, grandparents, or other trusted family members for help. But others don?t have that privilege. This is where school comes in. Kids should always have an adult they trust to talk to. This can be a counselor, teacher, administrator, etc. But schools in Kentucky are not required by law to hire a licensed cognitive therapist or a certified mental health counselor. This needs to change.

Section 3: Kentucky Anti-Bullying Laws & Policies states that "No. Kentucky anti-bullying laws do not require districts to provide safeguards or mental health support for students involved with bullying." Changing this would help health rates and stats in Kentucky and it would change the lives of many students and adults. That's why it should be obligatory for schools to provide a dependable adult or a mental health support for students.

Section 4: This bill would go into immediate effect once passed through congress. This bill, if passed, would go into effect in the state of Kentucky.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG21	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Mazie Green	e, Vivian Reardon, Ashley Takagishi, Asha Shah	Action o	n the Bill
School: Anchorage Pub	lic ES	House	Senate
City: Anchorage		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Gender Pay Gap Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: There is a major gender pay gap in Kentucky. As of 2022 women have typically been making 82 cents for every \$1 a man makes. This equals out to be almost a \$100 difference a week between Women and Men. The gender pay gap is a worldwide problem, but Kentucky is one of the worst states with paying their workers equally.

Section 2: Helping women in Kentucky with their wages will help the government by providing more jobs which will provide more taxes. It will also bring down how many people are in poverty, and help unemployment rates in Kentucky. If our bill is passed, the government will be able to collect more taxes from more jobs, and they will not have to pay as many people in Kentucky for welfare. Changing the gender pay gap will also reduce depression and other mental health problems in women in Kentucky. Fixing this now will have many impacts on the future generations.

Section 3: In Kentucky there is a law about the gender pay gap. This law is called the Equal Pay Act and anyone who violates this law can be fined \$10,000 at most or six months of imprisonment. This act needs to be amended or more strictly enforced because clearly most businesses do not go by this law at all.

Section 4: The gender pay gap has affected women in their jobs. If we do not put a stop to this, this will affect us all in our upcoming years.

Section 5: This law should go into effect immediately once passed through congress. Without our enforcement this problem will keep occurring until around 2069. This law will be for the state of Kentucky.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG22	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Alyssa Cox, Kyleigh Baggarley, Nicole Pajak, Kenley Grant		Action c	on the Bill
School: College View M	15	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Limit School Entrances and Exits 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To limit Kentucky?s 4 5 number of windows in school buildings to ensure student and staff safety. 6 7 Section 2: Each classroom shall have a maximum of one standard window per classroom. This may vary depending on the needs of the school's individual staff members. 8 9 10 Section 3: Any and/or all front offices number of windows may remain the same unless amendment occurs. 11 12 Section 4: Any staff member of whom does not physically have access to the locks on the school's windows 13 shall be placed in a room of which there are no windows. 14 15 Section 5: Any staff member of whom has been diagnosed with any issue such as severe vitamin D deprivation, seasonal depression, etc. may apply for additional window(s) through the Kentucky Department 16 17 of Education. 18 19 Section 6: In the instance that a staff member can not access all necessary safety attachments on windows 20 such as the locks yet also both applied and qualifies for any additional windows, they shall either be assigned 21 a co-teacher/student teacher that has complete access, or they will have a window that is accommodated to 22 their needs in order to have full access to the window. 23 24 Section 7: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 25

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG23	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Julia Butler, campbell romines, Ailey Coe, Gabe Hubbard		Action o	n the Bill
School: Corbin MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Corbin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Provide Benefits For Kentucky Volunteer Firefighters

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

Section 1: According to the Kentucky Fire Commission, there are about 17,000 volunteer firefighters in Kentucky compared to 3,700 paid firefighters. We want volunteer firefighters to get health insurance and tax deductions.

Section 2: The result of the 17,000 volunteer firefighters getting these benefits will promote more people to become volunteer firefighters and therefore it will decrease the arrival times to 911 calls, allow more assistance in emergencies, and many others. Tax deductions would give the volunteer firefighters a 1% percent decrease in taxes with the max being \$250. For health insurance coverage it will cost anywhere from \$142 to \$317 per month. Overall it will cost about \$29,820,000 to have all the volunteer firefighters in Kentucky health insurance coverage.

Section 3: We can pay for the health insurance benefits by taking from the Kentucky tobacco tax revenue. Over 21.45% of Kentucky smokes, with the tobacco taxes collected in 2020 alone being 497.4 Million dollars. If we were allotted 7% of the already collected tobacco taxes that would total \$34,790,000. This amount would cover our cost to give volunteer firefighters health insurance. The tax deductions aren't something that have to be funded because this is the taxpayers own money that wouldn?t be paid to state taxes.

Section 4: This bill will take effect in July of 2026

the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	KENTLICKY YMCA YOLITH ASSOCIATION	Red BG24	
		Committee:	
Sponsors: Bekah Russ,	Adelle Derrico	Action c	n the Bill
School: Crosby MS		House	Senate
City: Middletown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Require Flexible Sentences for Child Abuse in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill requires that first degree child abusers' sentencing is flexible in terms of their victims age and not a set amount of years. This bill will ensure better protection to those who were victimized.

Section 2: According to current law, if a child is below the age of 12, the maximum sentence that their abuser may receive as a conviction is 20 years, while if the child is 12 or above, that number becomes 10 years. To make these numbers flexible will not only provide abusers (first degree offenders) with proper punishment, but also protect the minds of abused children.

Section 3: To make amendments and additions to KRS 508.100, it would propose that child abusers with children that are 0 to 11 years of age are at least 25 by the time they get out and 30 if their child is 12 to 17 years of age. This also includes a fine of \$1,500 for both age groups. This bill will be enforced by law enforcement and lawyers.

Section 4: If the victim passes away before the end of their abusers sentence, the sentence will continue on until the victim would have been 25 or 30. Community service may not reduce this sentencing. This is because this bill applies to first degree child abuse, leaving the laws for second and third the same.

Section 5: This bill goes into effect on January 1, 2024.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Benjamin lef	fler, Micah matthews	Action o	n the Bill
School: East Oldham M	IS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Crestwood		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The improvement of infrastructure and transit lines Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section will be added to KRS chapter 78 that reads "Cities will be required to repair infinstructure every 5 years. Cities will be required to improve transit and establish at least one train and bus line."

Section 2: The Kentucky Transportation cabinet is responsible for the infrastructure in Kentucky. Therefore they will be responsible for ensuring that the new section of KRS 78 is followed.

Section 3: We will add a new section of KRS chapter 78 to add funding for Improving transit lines and underground power lines.

14 Section 4: This bill will take effect in the summer of 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG26	
			Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Joe Barton,	Brody Norris, Kathryn Floyd, Jack Krebs	Action o	n the Bill
School: Edythe J. Hayes	s MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Equitable Internet Access for All Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that all residents of Kentucky have access to high-speed internet, no matter where they live in the state; recognizing that internet access is essential for education, employment, healthcare, and civic engagement. High-speed internet refers to broadband internet access with reliable and fast connection speeds capable of supporting various online activities, including but not limited to, remote work, online learning, telehealth, and video streaming.

Section 2: The plan will include the following components: 1. Investment in broadband internet infrastructure: The state shall place funds to expand and enhance broadband infrastructure in underserved and unserved areas. Infrastructure refers to building towers, laying cables, providing modems and routers, etc. 2. Public-private partnerships: The state shall work with internet service providers and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of high-speed internet access. 3. Affordability: The plan will ensure that high-speed internet services are affordable for all residents, especially those in low-income communities.

Section 3: Funding for this bill shall be allocated from the state budget, federal grants, and partnerships with internet service providers in populated areas. The Federal Communications Commission, along with the US federal government have established 65 billion dollars in grants for these purposes – states just have to apply for funding (Whitehouse.gov). Additionally, Kentucky has already included within the state budget an estimated 300 million for projects relating to expanding internet access (Kentucky.gov). Our bill would ensure these funds are used for the purpose and begin the process of expanding internet access for all.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG27	
		110101101	Committee:
Sponsors: Rachel Wor	mack, Alexandra Rendle, Katherine Tompkins	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co	. South MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Henderson		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To School Protection
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Schools should be required to have a Teacher with a weapon in a safe in an area away from view
5	of any students and visitors.
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7	Section 2: Schools in Kentucky shall provide special training for those teachers who are armed in the case of
8	a school shooting
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10	Section 3: Each city or country district of Kentucky will be in charge of opting in or out and making sure this
11	law will be enforced.
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13	Section 4: This law will go into effect in the 2024-2025 school year.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG28	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Brooklynn K	ing, Luke Couch, Sarah Hudnall	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Name ES		House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring All Schools to Have Narcan on the Premises **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Kentucky is in the top five states in the nation in the number of overdose related deaths. Additionally, the proportion of Kentucky resident overdose deaths involving fentanyl has increased from 29% in 2016 to 69% in 2020. Behind heart disease, overdose deaths remain the leading cause of death in the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: All schools PreK through universities must have Naloxone on site to reverse overdoses. It would be the recommendation of the bill to have multiple doses of Naloxone throughout the school; in both the nurses station and a more public area. (Ex: gym, cafeteria, etc) It would be encouraged that schools also purchase fentanyl test strips for the protection of school personnel.

Section 3: This bill would allow school nurses, school health personnel, and school personnel to administer Naloxone to a student, teacher, or guest believed to be experiencing a fentanyl induced overdose condition

Section 4: Kentucky Department of Education shall work in accordance with the state department of Health and Family Services to develop a standard form of reporting usages. Schools shall report to the state quarterly the number of occasions when naloxone is administered. Schools shall also develop a method for notifying parents of the new policy.

Section 5: This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passing.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG29	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Parker Haus	er, Chandler Gillham, Jasmine Nicolas	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Name ES		House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Banning of Red Dye #40 in Food and Drink Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Defined: Red dye #40, also known as Allura Red AC, is defined as a synthetic dye derived from petroleum, used in food and drinks to give them a dark red color. Defined: Food and drink is defined as any product sold for human consumption

Section 2: Since the early 1980s FDA had evidence that Red 40 caused cancer, allergic reactions, ADHD, hyperactivity, depression, migraines and neurobehavioral issues. Children are especially sensitive to the impact of these dyes. The National Toxicology Program considered the evidence "convincing." Artificial food dye consumption has increased 500% in the last 50 years, and included the consumption of Red Dye 40. The safety of this dye is highly controversial, yet it is not banned in any cosmetic or food/drink product. Red dye 40 contains benzene, a known cancer– causing substance.

Section 3: The bill would make any violation of these provisions punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first violation and not to exceed \$10,000 for each subsequent violation. Additionally, there will be a section on the State Department of Agriculture website that lists companies in violation (including name, dates, degrees of red dye ingredients, and possible side effects).

Section 4: Natural food dye alternatives include beet juice, beet powder, blueberry juice, pomegranate juice, beta-carotene, cranberries, cherries, strawberries, and dried hibiscus flowers.

Section 5: This law shall be enforced by the State Department of Agriculture under the supervision of the Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner. Violations shall bring action by the Kentucky State Attorney General

Section 6: This bill will go into effect 90 days after its passing

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG30	
the		1101011011	Committee:
Sponsors: Cate Egger,	Ellie Smith, Emma Frey, Brinn Smith	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Trinity Ca	atholic School – Louisville	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Mental Illness and the Seizure and Retention of Firearms Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: Kentucky ranks 13th in gun deaths and has been impacted by multiple mass shootings. In the Spring of 2023, a mass shooting at Old National Bank in Louisville, KY resulted in the deaths of five people, and eight others were injured. Mental illness was a factor. Nineteen states have already passed bills called "Red Flag laws". These laws allow for the seizure of firearms from those who are considered to be a danger to self or others due to mental illness while protecting Constitutional rights.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1 – A law enforcement office may file a petition for a Red Flag Order (RFO) with the District Court in the person?s county of residence. 2 – The petition for a RFO must be in writing but can be based on information from family, friends, or other individuals, as well as first-hand knowledge of law enforcement. 3 – The petition must state why the law enforcement officer (a) believes the person poses an immediate and present danger of causing physical injury by purchasing, possessing, receiving, or having a firearm OR (b) believes the person may present a risk of injury or death and they have a mental illness. 4 – If the Judge finds there is a reasonable belief that the person meets the above criteria, a Red Flag Order (RFO) will be entered and lasts for one hundred twenty (120) days. The Order prohibits the individual from purchasing or possessing a firearm during the period the order is in effect. 5 – Law enforcement will then give that order to the individual and confiscate any firearms to be held until the RFO expires. The individual can direct that the firearms be given to any individual, such as a family member, as long as they do not live with the individual. 6 – RFOs will be available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the purposes of firearm purchaser background checks.

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1 – Any individual who receives a RFO can ask the District Court for a hearing and an attorney to represent them. If they can show by clear and convincing evidence that they are not a threat to themselves or others and, if suffering from mental illness, are getting treatment, the RFO can be terminated. 2 – A RFO can be renewed after one hundred twenty days (120) upon the filing of a new petition by Law Enforcement.

Section 4: This Act takes effect at the end of the Session, like all other bills signed into law.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG31	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Evan Sigler,	Izzy Lindsey, Joe Pritchett	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. MS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Eddyville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing the Safety of Foster Homes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will create requirements for consistent quality of foster families/foster homes.

Section 2: Inspections of foster homes will continue to be performed by licensed social workers already employeed at foster care agencies. The frequency of these inspections will increase to one random inspection every 3–4 months.

Section 3: Foster families and people living in homes with foster children must not be allowed to smoke nicotine products (e-cigarettes, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, etc.) in the presence of foster children in foster homes, or in vehicles used to transport foster children. If firearms and/or ammunition are in the home, they must be in a lockable container (gun safe, gun cabinet, etc.). The home must be equipped with a portable fire extinguisher. Foster parent(s) must participate in annual first aid training provided by the foster care agency, which is to include, but is not limited to, the teaching of CPR and fire prevention safety.

Section 4: The consequences of failing an inspection or failing to attend the abovementioned training will follow these previously established procedures: -Loss of fostering license. -Cannot work with children. - Possible criminal charges.

Section 5: The allocation of funds required for the passage of this bill will be obtained from already existing grants by the Children's Bureau. This bill will be enacted a year after the bill is passed and will apply to all current and future foster homes in the state of Kentucky.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG32	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Jasper Reyn	olds, Titus McGuire, Kennedy Hopkins, Molly Willis	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	MS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Mt. Vernon		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To lowering the property tax from 11.5 cents per \$100 to 10.5 cents per \$100 and
2	increasing the sales tax from 6% to 7%.
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, the current sales tax is 6%. Sales tax is "A tax on sales or on the receipts
6	for sale".
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8	Section 2: In the state of Kentucky, the current property tax is 11.5 cents per \$100 assessed value. All
9	Kentucky property owners pay this tax.
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11	Section 3: The increased sales tax will only apply to non-food purchases within the state.
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13	Section 4: Property taxes only apply to Kentuckians who own property, so not everyone pays this tax. Our
14	hope is a lower property tax will incentivize Kentucky property owners to spend money in other areas.
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16	Section 5: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG33	
		110101101	Committee:
Sponsors: Anna Jezior	ski, Julia Chami, Ryan Mills, Sawyer Grissom	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Agnes Scho	ool	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Retaking the Driving Test Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Kentuckians between the ages of 30 and 60 years old, beginning on your 30th birthday, are required to retake both the driving test and the written test every 10 years. Kentuckians over the age of 60 are required to retake the written test and driving test every 5 years.

Section 2: The written test includes a vision test and a test of the individual's ability to operate a vehicle. The applicant will pay \$30 for retaking their test under 60 years old, and \$20 for over 60 years old.

Section 3: Those individuals who have 3 or more chargeable accidents on their record within a ten year period are required to retake the driving test within 30 days.

Section 4: A failure to renew one?s license within a 30 day period will result in a suspension of one?s license until successfully renewed.

17 Section 5: This bill should be in effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG34	
		Referred to Hous	_
Sponsors: Eli George, E	stey Dreisbach, Eloise Iliff, Vivian Kaufman	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Agnes School	ol	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To 20 Minute Dedicated Recess For Middle Schools In Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION ON KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Recess will be defined as 20 minutes of continuous physical activity each day applicable to middle school students throughout Kentucky.

Section 2: Activity can help children and adolescents improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build healthier bodies, control weight, and reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. Studies have shown that having recess improves social and emotional development, improves academic achievement, and reduces behavioral issues.

Section 3: This bill require no additional funding, equipment, or special materials.

Section 4: The nature and implementation is up to the discretion of each school's principal or school board.

No punitive measures or reporting requirements are further required.

Section 5: This act takes effect on July 1, 2025

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG35	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Rachel Bowers, Ainslee Gallenstein, Kansys Kimball		Action on the Bill	
School: St. Patrick School – Maysville		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Maysville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Later School Start Times for Middle and High School **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) No middle or high school in Kentucky may require students to be at school before 8:30 a.m. This applies to public, private, and charter schools that have any or all of grades 6-12. (2) Elementary schools that include 6th grade will be exempt from this requirement. (3) Local school districts will determine how to achieve the required amount of instructional time, whether by extending the school day to a later dismissal time or increasing the number of school days. (4) The Kentucky Department of Education will enforce this policy.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG36	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Ryne McCra	ry, Anna Cammack	Action o	n the Bill
School: Talton K. Stone MS		House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act relating to the preservation of white oak trees. 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 146 NATURAL RESOURCES IS CREATED TO READ AS 4 5 FOLLOWS: all Kentucky distilleries must make a per barrel donation to initiatives or organizations dedicated 6 to white oak sustainability for each bourbon barrel produced annually. 7 Section 2: Distilleries can opt to provide funding to (1) an internal corporate initiative dedicated to white oak 8 9 sustainability or (2) a conservation non-profit pre-approved by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. 10 11 12 Section 3: The annual investment or donation will be based on one-half of one percent of the estimated barrel value during the year of production. The investment will be considered a tax-deductible donation for 13 14 corporate tax purposes. 15 16 Section 4: Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet will enforce this bill. 17 18 Section 5: This bill Kentucky distilleries will have one year to comply and show proof of annual contribution during the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). If distilleries are not compliant, licenses will be subject to 19 20 cancellation. 21 22 Section 6: Any statue contrary to this will be amended or repealed. 23

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Section 7: This Act takes effect July 1, 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG37	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Addilynn Thorn, Boston McMurtrey		Action o	n the Bill
School: Talton K. Stone	MS	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the safety of railroad crossings in Kentucky. **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 277 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All railroad crossings in the state of Kentucky being already existent, or newly established will be required to have safety arms and/or lights. (2) Crossings wide enough to allow motorized vehicles to go around the safety arm shall be required to install dual sided safety arms, blocking motorists from crossing.

Section 2: Railroad companies who cease to follow this act will be subject to a monetary fine and potential loss of license to transmit goods through Kentucky.

Section 3: Funding, provided by the transportation companies using the utility, will be allocated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet?s Division of Planning and Division of Right of Way and Utilities.

Section 4: Any statue contrary to this will be amended or repealed.

17 Section 5: This Act takes effect January 1st, 2026

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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG38	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Parker Taylor, Christian Rodgers, Wyatt Messer		Action o	n the Bill
School: Trigg Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing the Punishment for DUIs in Kentucky

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

Section 1: KRS 189A.010 is Amended as follows: For the first offense within a ten (10) year period, be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than one thousand four hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than sixty days and no more than seventy five days.

Section 2: The increase in fines will be used in schools to teach the dangers of drunk driving.

Section 3: This bill will take place on January 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG39	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Avery Pendleton, Gretchen Durham, Analiese Austin, Kiley Lambert		Action o	n the Bill
School: University Heights Academy MS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Hands-Free Driving Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 189.292 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "No person shall, while operating a motor vehicle that is in motion on the traveled portions of a roadway, read, select, enter a telephone number or name in a personal communication device for the purpose of making a phone call or engage in a phone conversation without using a Bluetooth or hands-free device."

Section 2: If a person is observed operating a motor vehicle, using a personal communication device, law enforcement will complete a traffic violation stop and the penalties will result in fines. The first offense will be \$35; subsequent offenses will result in increased fines; and one deduction from driver's license after every third offense.

Section 3: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Highway Safety.

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

Section 5: This bill will be executed one year after it passes and is signed by the governor.



COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW1	
		Referred to Hous	_
Sponsors: Addi Wilford, Priya Chandrashekar		Action o	n the Bill
School: Beaumont MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Improving Water Quality in the State of Kentucky

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

 Section 1: A new section to KRS 151 is created to read as follows. To improve the water quality in the state of Kentucky it will be enacted that any new development that has more than 100 parking spaces will need to develop and include a rain garden on site to mitigate [off-set] run-off from said development.

Section 2: The following section of KRS 151.611.2 is repealed – the lack of power for the state of Kentucky to enforce water quality controls.

Section 3: This Bill will take effect July 1, 2025.

${\color{red} \bullet}$	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW2	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Fiona Denehy, Audrey Bishop, Layth Kassis		Action c	n the Bill
School: Christ the King ES - Lexington		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Increase Of the Amount Of Tax Deduction To 50% For The Owners Of A Property Using Solar Power

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

Section 1: The Residential Clean Energy Credit is equivalent to 30% of the property tax on clean energy properties. To simplify, this means that homeowners with renewable energy get 30% of their annual property tax paid for by the state government. This bill is aiming to increase the Residential Clean Energy Credit for homeowners to 50%.

Section 2: In Kentucky, there is a flat income tax on each property. Flat income tax means that no matter how much money someone makes, they pay the same tax percentage as everyone else.

Section 3: The cost of this bill is only 20% more of the tax, which equates to around \$276. However, this should not be much of an issue because the government is paying for the tax and not an individual company.

Section 4: To balance out the money that the government is losing, we will add 2% sales tax to any tobacco product sold in Kentucky. In 2020, the revenue of tobacco was approximately 500 million dollars; 2% of this is 10 million dollars. The sales of tobacco have only gone up from 2020 and will continue to go up. The cost of the bill will definitely be equaled if not surpassed by this tax.

Section 5: Benefits of this bill include but are not limited to: an increase in the incentive for Kentuckians to get solar panels because it lowers their taxes and a decrease in the fossil fuel emissions and of Kentucky.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect starting January 1, 2025.

₽	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW3	
the		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Aiden Hami	ilton, Haydon Faulkner, JoJo Rueff, Liam Havens	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christ the King ES - Lexington		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Make The Legal Driving Age For Golf Carts 14 Years Old Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will allow 14 year olds to be eligible to drive golf carts only on roads or in neighborhoods where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or lower. Also the drivers would be required to pass a test to get a golf cart license.

Section 2: The golf cart license test would be online and include the basics of driving on a street. This license will only be eligible for streets with a 25 mile per hour limit and in a neighborhood. Most golf carts only go up to 12–14 miles per hour, so going over 25 miles per hour is not possible.

Section 3: The cost for the license would be \$40. The cost of the license would help hire DMV employees to run the licensing website, tests, and renewals. This would benefit the economy by having kids learn smart road safety before they actually get a car.

Section 4: People who sell golf carts would be able to make more money from sales. Golf carts would be ideal for kids who need to get places within their neighborhood, or on roads under 25 miles per hour.

Section 5: Penalties: If pulled over by police, the driver would just have to show his or her license. At the time, if the driver does not have his or her license with them or just doesn?t have one, the license would be suspended for two weeks. If a driver is pulled over a second time without his or her license, the driver?s license would be suspended for double the amount of weeks. If a third offense occurs, the driver is subject to losing his or her license until the age of 16.

Section 6: Upon passage, this bill would go into effect three months after passed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW4	
		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Callie Moore, Lyla Wenz, Clarke Young, Ryder Reffitt		Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Tradi	tional School	House	Senate
City: Mount Sterling		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act relating to motorcycle helmet safety. 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: KRS 189.285 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3) (a) All motorcyclist and motorcycle 4 5 passengers, including those in a sidecar, shall be required to purchase and wear a Department of 6 Transportation (DOT) approved protective headqear when in motion on a public highway. Delete (3) (b) (c). 7 8 Section 2: Headgear meeting the Department of Transportation safety standards and bearing the DOT 9 certified symbol should be specifically designed from a non-shattering substance with shock absorbing cradle padding, have a chin strap, and include a highly visible reflective material. 10 11 12 Section 3: Violation of the law will result in a fine of \$100.00 for the first offense and \$200.00 for the second offense. Repeat offenders will be subject to additional fines and penalties determined by their local 13 14 courts. 15 16 Section 4: State and local law officers will enforce this law and additional funding will not be required. 17 18 Section 5: This bill will take effect 90 days upon passage. 19

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW5	
the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Abigale Robo	erts, Ewan Taylor, Jayden Johnson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Community Mo	ntessori School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Abolishing Corporal Punishment in Kentucky Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill is designed to address the issue of corporal punishment in educational institutions. The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the use of corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure in Kentucky schools, ensuring a safe and nurturing learning environment for students. This act seeks to protect student's physical and mental well-being by adopting alternative methods of punishment within the educational system.

Section 2: This bill holds significant importance for several compelling reasons. It addresses the critical issues of abuse and misuse of power, surpassing acceptable boundaries for discipline. Research indicates that children subjected to corporal punishment like pushing, grabbing, and paddling are at an elevated risk of developing various health disorders. Additionally, there is a correlation between harsh physical punishment and issues like anxiety, substance abuse, and personal challenges. Studies also demonstrate that such practices can contribute to stress, depression, and low self-esteem and ultimately hinder a child's potential for success in both their academic and lifelong pursuits.

Section 3: After this bill goes into effect, schools will have a much safer learning environment for their students, resulting in better mental health and a more enjoyable and fulfilling life.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall monitor and ensure compliance with this act and provide guidance and resources to support schools in transitioning to non-violent disciplinary practices.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the following school year and will apply to all educational institutions within the state of Kentucky.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW6	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: allie felty, La	andon Kitchen, Carmelita Dallaire, Hudson Nolty	Action o	n the Bill
School: East Carter Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Grayson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To: Limiting Screen Time for Students in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill would provide a limit on pre k- 8th grades on the amount of screen time during school hours. According to OSF healthcare (Order of St. Francis is a non-profit healthcare organization that operates a medical group and hospitals), "A healthy screen time limit is 2 hours a day." According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, kids between the ages of 8 and 18, on average, spend 7.5 hours each day in front of a screen for entertainment purposes. This does not include the hours they spend on a computer for educational purposes both at school and at home. This can negatively impact children in many ways.

Section 2: This is a significant concern for the future of Kentucky's children. Extended exposure to screens can cause adolescents to have developmental delays, over strained eyes/body, attention deficit, more susceptible to chronic health conditions, irritability, depression, excess mood swings, tantrums, trouble sleeping, disorganized behavior, difficulty learning, and poor short term memory. (Source American Academy of Pediatrics) Kentucky Counseling center reports in a study carried out by National Institute of Health (NIH) "that just 2 hours of screen time per day can negatively impact scores on language and thinking tests."

Section 3: This bill proposes to limit screen time for school aged children from preK- Grade 8 to no more than 2 hours while attending public schools in the state of Kentucky. The benefits of limited screen time exceed the benefits of utilizing chromebooks, ipads, phones and other technology in the classroom. According to family education "For children 6 years and older, the AACAP (American Academy of child and Adolescent Psychiatry) recommends limiting media time to 2 hrs and encouraging healthy habits."

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW7	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Brynnlee Giebitz, Maddie Spann		Action o	n the Bill
School: LeGrande ES		House	Senate
City: Horse Cave		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To low income and/or teen guardians child care Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: A new section of KRS: All guardians who are considered low income families based on provided monthly income AND are registered as a full time or part time student (either high school or college/vocational school) qualify for this specific child care program ranging from birth to 3 years of age.

Section 2: To be considered for this program, you must sign up at your local health department. Said form will require specific information regarding income and educational status.

Section 3: To continue receiving this special child care program benefits, you are required to register for a random drug screening. Failure to pass a drug screening will result in the guardian having to retake the screening in one week. If the guardian fails the second screening, two weeks of child care costs will be billed to the guardian.

Section 4: Children from birth to 3 years of age qualify, however if you child does not qualify for preschool at your local public school, then you will receive an extension to 5 years of age.

Section 5: Guardians are required to have their child present at the child care program 4 out of 5 week days. First failure to do so will result in a warning. Second failure to do so will result in a bill for the child care provided that week being sent to the guardian.

Section 6: If a guardian inquires any billed child care time, the amount should be paid in full or set up on a payment plan by one month after receiving the bill. Failure to pay for the billed amount will result in the specific dollar amount being submitted to the state taxing department.

Section 7: This act will go into effect for each county in the state of Kentucky by December 2024.

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the			Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Clacey Jones, Aubrey Armstrong, Spencer Newman		Action o	n the Bill
School: Muhlenberg South MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Greenville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Quality of Nursing Home Care Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In Kentucky, there are countless records of patients not receiving the care that they need in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Currently, only 20% of nursing home inspector positions are filled. Nursing home inspectors, or Health Facility Surveyors, conduct inspections, surveys, and investigations of health care facilities for compliance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to areas affecting total patient care.

Section 2: Due to the lack of inspectors, the quality of care in nursing homes has declined drastically. The purpose of this bill is to address the deficit of available nursing home inspectors.

Section 3: In order to address the growing concern of nursing home neglect, this bill offers incentives for individuals to pursue careers in nursing home inspections. Individuals who complete a degree path to become a health facility surveyor would receive full loan forgiveness upon working in the field within the Commonwealth of Kentucky for a total of 5 years.

Section 4: Kentucky's economy is at record levels with a general fund budget of \$1.55 billion overage at the end of fiscal 2023. Loan Forgiveness would be subsidized from the robust general fund to recruit and attract individuals into the healthcare industry as surveyors or inspectors.

Section 5: The bill will go into effect on July 1, 2024, which is the start of the new fiscal budget year.

™	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW9	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Kolten Hugh	es, Alexis Scott, Aleyah Martin, Hailey Moore	Action o	n the Bill
School: Muhlenberg South MS		House	Senate
City: Greenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing Teachers' Wages Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is experiencing a marked shortage of teachers in public schools. This shortage threatens the success of every student in the classroom.

Section 2: Kentucky is facing a crisis of epic proportions with this teacher shortage. Currently, there are 43,500 teacher positions in the Commonwealth. Annually, 11,000 of those spots are vacant leaving classrooms without highly qualified educators.

Section 3: A teacher shortage has a gargantuan effect on the future of Kentucky's youth. One of these effects is an increase in class sizes, which limits one-on-one interactions between the student and the teacher. As the quality of education declines, the likelihood of students gaining meaningful employment in the future is greatly diminished. An additional repercussion of this ongoing shortage is that it has the potential to devastate many rural counties where the school system is the largest employer.

Section 4: This bill proposes an 11% raise for Kentucky educators. This bill will be funded by the Kentucky General Fund, which has the second-highest revenue surplus in Kentucky's history.

Section 5: The bill will go into effect on July 1, 2024, which is the start of the new fiscal budget year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW10	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Carrie Mills,	MacKenzie Toliver, Mayla Smith, Reagan ballard	Action o	n the Bill
School: Murray MS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Murray		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Environmental Regulations of Balloon Releases Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 224.1 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: prohibiting the intentional balloon release at events including (but not limited to) memorial/funeral services, birthday parties, graduation ceremonies, and sporting events.

Section 2: A balloon shall be defined as any inflatable flexible bag filled with a gas, such as helium, hydrogen, nitrous oxide, oxygen, or air and made from rubber, latex, polychloroprene, metalized plastic or a nylon fabric.

Section 3: Any individual and/or group(s) in violation of this statute will be subject to a \$250 fine for the first violation and any subsequent violations.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW11	
		Referred to	Committee: se 3
Sponsors: John Meado	ws, johnny knight-doe	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham MS		House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Installing Solar Panels Onto Kentucky Public Middle Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: All Public Middle Schools in the state of Kentucky will install "SunPower Equinox" and "SunVault"
 solar panels to power the school while helping the electric bills, economy, and our Earth.

Section 2: These solar panels will be produced by SunPower. We will be using the Equinox model with storage batteries (SunVault) being able to save energy, lower the electricity bill and use net metering. When using net metering, the schools will send power back to the power grid to get more money back for the school ensuring the school is receiving the most benefits as possible.

Section 3: Districts will be able to apply for grants and discounts toward installment and overall project cost once a quote/price is received from SunPower.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education will be in charge of executing this legislation.

17 Section 5: This bill will go into effect as of January, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW12	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Antonio Nur	nes, Lilly Muschinski, eli schneider, Nate Dunlap	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham	MS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Protect Equal Rights for all Kentuckians Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Senate Bill 150 of 2023 shall be fully repealed. House Bill 148 of 2023 shall be fully repealed.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 344 IS CREATED AS FOLLOWS: "No law shall discriminate against the people of Kentucky based on race, sex, poverty level, gender identity or sexual orientation. Any law in violation of this act shall be immediately repealed"

Section 3: Students may opt out of lessons on politically charged topics.

12 Section 4: This act will take effect immediately upon passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW13	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Kylee Rober	ts, Sorana Basu	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham MS		House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Employers Providing Employees Days for Cancer Screening Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Employers will be required to give paid time off outside of paid vacation days to allow employees to get cancer prevention checks.

Section 2: Once the cancer prevention check is completed, employees will turn in to their employer a cancer screening confirmation by their doctor. Any employer not willing to comply will get a fee or fine per employee of the daily average pay per employee. Over a 3-year span employers who offer health insurance must have at least a 90% participation rate to gain the benefit of a health insurance discount.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Insurance will be in charge of executing this legislation.

Section 4: This bill is to be enacted 6 months after it is passed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW14	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Tripp Minnis	, Connor Brown, olivia Kane, Jasmine Marvin	Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. MS		House	Senate
City: LaGrange		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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

Section 1: A new section of the KRS chapter 158 shall read as follows: Teachers cannot give forced and graded work meant to be done outside of their classroom. Teachers can give work if the student refuses to do work or doesn't finish it in class but the work has to be the instruction already assigned in class.

Section 2: A class being disruptive is defined as being loud, talkative, and/or distracting which makes the teacher unable to teach the class and give the work that is assigned to the class. The punishment should not be the same as homework, but if they don't finish the work that they needed to do due to their misbehavior then it will become work to do at home. If one separate person is being disrespectful, then they are still supposed to do their work and turn it in when it's due. The teacher can add punishment for them but, what grade they get is based on how much they do.

Section 3: Someone asking for separate instruction to be helped is very different from being forced into doing things that can cause the overall stress of the homework. If the student really needs extra help they can ask for extra packets or work, but if a teacher forces the homework they are allowed to refuse it and are to expect no punishment and report to administrators. If less than 25% of the class doesn?t finish a certain assignment, it becomes a multiple day assignment.

Section 4: Teachers reported to give homework to students outside of the school set by this bill will be reported to school administration and the punishment given to said teacher is up to the administration.

Section 5: This act will go into effect within 75 days of passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW15	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Gabriel Whe	tstone, Luke Langford, Mason Miceli, Brody Haycraft	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Andrew Aca	demy MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Limit Classroom Sizes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: This bill requires all schools, private and public, to reduce the student to teacher ratio to 15:1, across all grade levels, Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Section 2: This bill also requires all schools and school districts to hold hiring fairs and open interviews to find the best candidates to fill open positions.

Section 3: Finally, this bill requires school districts to offer new and existing teachers higher salaries, improved pensions and prefered benefits.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Maddie Nor	ton, Emma Thomas, Rory Wildman	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret M	Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ ☐ Pefeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Removal of Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products (Also Known as the Pink Tax) in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: "Feminine Hygiene Products" shall include but not be limited to sanitary napkins, tampons, menstrual cups, panty liners, period underwear, feminine washes, and menstrual pain relievers.

 Section 2: In Kentucky, the pink tax is hereby repealed and exempted. Feminine hygiene products should be classified as necessary, not luxury items. Not doing this is discrimination against women, especially those who cannot afford such items. In the state of Kentucky, 20.6% of women live in poverty and is ranked 47th in women's poverty nationally, compared to men's 15.7%. It is also found that 20% of teenagers cannot afford feminine products. Supplying feminine hygiene products can help improve school attendance, 1 in 14 women and girls say they have missed school due to a lack of period supplies. The pink tax adds around 13% to these necessary items and brings the cost to around \$9,000 in the average woman's lifetime.

Section 3: The Department of Revenue shall take necessary steps to inform vendors and retailers of new tax exemptions for feminine hygiene products. Retailers who continue the tax on such products will be held accountable in a court of law.

Section 4: This bill shall take effect on March 8th, 2024-International Women's Day.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW17	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	1101011011	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Aiden Mattir	ngly, Andrew Gohmann, Bobby Graham, Brody Siegel	Action c	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Corporate Responsibility for Public Safety Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will ensure corporations are held accountable for excessive police calls related to drugs and violent crimes.

Section 2: The Kentucky State Police will enforce this bill. Each corporation receives 3 free calls per year, after the 3rd free call they will be fined for additional calls related to drugs or violent crimes. 1st Offense: \$500 2nd Offense: \$1,000 3rd Offense: \$2,000 Fines will max out at \$5,000 and additional penalties will be implemented after the 4th offense. The additional penalties may include the installation of additional security cameras, an onsite security officer, etc.

Section 3: This is a self-funding program. The money collected from fines will first cover administrative work and costs. Any additional funds will support police programs, police benefits, and families who have lost a loved one as a result of a violent crime.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW18	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Daniel Neme	s, Andrew Craft, Dean Troklus, Chris Balderson	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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An Act Relating to Helping Senior Citizens Live in Their Homes Longer **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This Act will make it easier for senior citizens to continue to live in their houses by enabling them to freeze any increase in property taxes that senior citizens have to pay. It would expand the Homestead Exemption for senior citizens.

Section 2: Many senior citizens live on fixed incomes that do not increase, but the value of their homes increase every year, requiring them to pay higher taxes every year. Freezing the increase of property taxes will help them afford to stay in their homes.

Section 3: This freeze on the property taxes will last until the senior citizen sells his or her house. Once they sell their house, the new buyer will pay property taxes based on the full value of the home.

Section 4: This bill will affect senior citizens mostly, since they will receive the direct benefit. But it will also impact the community since there are benefits to seniors living in their homes rather than moving to long-term care facilities.

Section 5: This bill will not have an immediate impact on tax receipts since the senior citizen will pay the same amount in taxes each year, but it will reduce any increase that otherwise would have occurred while the senior stays in their home. On the other hand, this bill would have a positive impact on costs because senior citizens will live in their homes longer than they would without the freeze on increasing their property taxes.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW19	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Shane Kitch	en, Mason Kitchen, Cooper Boehm, Bryce Mayhugh	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to the Requirement of Therapeutic Supports for Children in Foster Care

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

Section 1: KRS chapter 620.363 is amended to include that all foster children of school age shall be required to participate in therapeutic evaluation within seven days of entering foster care.

Section 2: Effective immediately post evaluation findings, therapeutic services shall be provided for all school age children in the foster care system throughout the state of Kentucky. The length and duration of the therapeutic sessions will be dependent on the results of the evaluation.

Section 3: The Affordable Care Act requires all states to provide free health care to children in the foster care program.

Section 4: For all existing foster care children, therapeutic evaluation will take place by June 1, 2024 and therapeutic supports will start effective immediately post evaluation findings.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW20	
			Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Emma Byrne	es, Addy Totten, Bailey Dunn	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Patrick ES – Louisville		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Drug Abuse Curriculum in Kentucky High Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: A mandatory class from grades 9–12 in all high schools in Kentucky. It will teach signs of drug addiction in others, signs of drug overdose, and how to administer Naloxone/Narcan, a life saving drug that reverses drug overdoses.

Section 2: If this proves successful, the goal will be to expand the curriculum into middle school making the necessary changes to keep the language age appropriate.

Section 3: If this bill is enacted, it will help give people a better understanding on the devastating effects of drug use, as well as demonstrate how these drugs can affect a person. It could also potentially lower the numbers of teen drug overdose death rate.

Section 4: This bill will take time to put into action, it is important that the people delivering the lessons are trained and licensed professionals working with the most accurate curriculum possible. Once these crucial steps are in place, the class will begin the following school year.

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Referred to Committee: **House | 3**

Sponsors: Jalyn Greene, Rylan Raybourn, Gabe Russell, Piper Rayburn	Action on the Bill	
School: West Carter Co. MS	House	Senate
	Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Olive Hill	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandated Mental Health Screening for KY Public School Students Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: As reported by the 2022 Kentucky Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the rate of middle school students contemplating suicide is increasing each year and is currently at an all-time high. With the passage of our bill, we hope to increase awareness of this crisis while also combatting the effects of poor mental health among students in Kentucky.

Section 2: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is conducted as part of a national effort by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor students' health-risk behaviors in six priority areas: injury and violence, alcohol and drug use, tobacco use, nutrition, physical activity, and sexual risk behaviors. This voluntary survey is administered by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to a random selection of middle and high school students. Although the objective of this survey is well-intended, the KDE is not currently able to gain complete insight into the mental health status of students across our commonwealth, leaving many students to slip through the cracks. When enacted, our bill will mandate a mental health screening to be conducted annually for public school students in grades 6–12. The Center for School Safety, whose present roles and responsibilities are outlined in KRS 158.442, will generate, implement, and evaluate the submitted screenings.

Section 3: The mental health screening will be administered in three phases: sample selection, students in grades 6–8, and students in grades 6–12. By the final phase of implementation, the screening will be administered to public school students across Kentucky in May of each school year. This timing will ensure that students who are in need of support receive adequate monitoring throughout the summer months when they would otherwise not have these resources. The mental health screening will consist of 10 questions evaluating the student's emotional, psychological, and social well-being. Once students submit their screening, the results will indicate the appropriate next steps for each student. Students who show an increased risk of harmful or violent behaviors will be referred to a local counseling agency for consultation to receive proper care and will also be scheduled for routine well-checks with school counselors.

Section 4: The funding for the resources associated with this screening will be budgeted from the appropriation allotted for school safety initiatives. In 2020, under House Bill 352, the KY General Assembly passed an appropriation of \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2020–2021. Funding is used by Kentucky school districts for safe school programs and services. Approximately 10% of the appropriation is retained for the Kentucky Center for School Safety operations. Each school district receives a base allotment of \$20,000 in addition to a per pupil amount based on the district's Average Daily Attendance. This source of funding will suffice in implementing the mental health screening and providing the subsequent support for Kentucky students.

Section 5: The first phase of this bill will go into effect in May 2024, with the second phase following in May 2025 and third phase following in May 2026.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red CW22	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Referred		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Addie McMi	nnoway, Emily Smith, Jay Harmon, Addie Bowman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Adair Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Columbia		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Raising the Funding for Gifted and Talented Education **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill will raise gifted and talented education funding from \$10 million to \$20 millon in the state of Kentucky. This money will be used to provide high quality education for gifted and talented students and teachers in each school district. This bill relates to KRS 157.230 program requirements for the gifted and talented.

Section 2: The bill will provide high quality educational experiences, teachers, and classes for gifted education.

Section 3: The bill will be funded through the general fund of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Sponsors: Clare Villaflo	or, Iouisa Reardon, Sloane Mouser, Olivia Matter	Action o	n the Bill
School: Anchorage Pub	lic ES	House	Senate
City: Anchorage		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Teen Pregnancy Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill aims to reduce the number of teen pregnancies in Kentucky by providing education and support services to young women. We could solve this by educating young students and providing the needs to stay safe. When it comes to solving the issue of teen pregnancy, a variety of approaches can be taken.

Section 2: One of the most important steps is to educate teens about the risks associated with early sexual activity, and the importance of using contraception (birth control). This can be done through school-based sex education programs, which should provide comprehensive information about contraception, sexually transmitted infections, and healthy relationships.

Section 3: Finally, it is essential to focus on prevention rather than punishment. This means creating an environment that is supportive and understanding, while also making sure that teens know the risks and consequences of their actions. By taking these steps, we can help reduce the number of teen pregnancies and ensure that teens have the resources they need to make informed decisions about their sexual health. We have met people with young parents and their lives can be more challenging than others because of money, jobs, and responsibility.

Section 4: This bill aims to decrease the number of teen pregnancies in Kentucky. Teen pregnancy is a crucial problem here in our states with percentages of Girls 15-17: 26% and Girls 18-19: 74%

Section 5: By educating young women and offering them support resources, this measure seeks to lower the frequency of teen pregnancies in Kentucky and encourage them to make informed decisions about their sexual health. By educating young children and caring for their safety needs, we could resolve this issue.

Numerous strategies can be used to address the problem of teen pregnancy.

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the			Committee: se 2	
Sponsors: kassidy wor	kman, Bella Trimble, Shelley White, Jada Porter	Action o	n the Bill	
School: Boyd Co. MS		House	Senate	
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City: Ashland		Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To requiring Kentucky teachers to take a mandatory school shooting simulation test.

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

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Section 1: Be enacted by the Youth of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATING TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public school teachers will be required to take a mandatory school shooting simulation training. (2) The Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky State Police (along with local law enforcement) will provide the necessary supplies for the school to conduct the simulation training. (3) All certified teachers who work with children will be legally obligated to take the school "active shooter" simulation training by the opening day of school. (4) This law will take action August 1 2024.

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

Section 3: Failure/refusal to complete training could result in removal in teaching independently.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW25	
the		Referred to Sena	_
Sponsors: Kate Boblett	r, Huck Brown, Will Green, Erik McKay	Action o	n the Bill
School: Boyd Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Ashland		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the ability to receive a driving permit at age 15.

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

Section 1: This bill will revise KRS 186.450 regarding the age requirement to get a driving permit.

Section 2: Under the current law, applicants must be at least 16 years of age to apply for a driving permit.

Section 3: This revision will allow applicants to apply for a driving permit at age 15.

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW26	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Anna Jo Sam	s, Channing Pollard, Jaycee Case, Karis Willis	Action o	n the Bill
School: Corbin MS		House	Senate
City: Corbin		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Abolishing Senate Bill 150 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Senate Bill 150 restricts the ability of many school staff members in Kentucky to provide students with the emotional support they need. Numerous staff members have expressed concerns that they are unable to help students who simply need someone to talk to.

Section 2: Students should be granted the freedom to express their emotions without requiring parental consent prior to any interaction. However, the recently passed Kentucky Bill has created a significant amount of issues within the educational system. This poses a serious threat to the emotional well-being of students and affects their ability to communicate effectively. Therefore, it is essential that we provide an environment that provides open communication, where students can feel free to express themselves.

Section 3: Due to this new law in the state of Kentucky School staff of any kind must contact home at least one time in order to have consent to speak to the said student. If a parent or guardian says no this could cause conflict at home and my resort is the student being abused or injured. For example, if the student needs to let you know they are done being abused at home and you need to call mom, dad, or guardian they may say no as a result of them thinking they are going to get authorities called on them.

Section 4: Research indicates that teen suicide rates increase annually due to insufficient emotional expression and a lack of trustworthy individuals, such as school staff or counselors.

Section 5: This solution wouldn't cost anything since it eliminates the need for parental consent when your child is seeking assistance for emotional distress.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red CW27	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors : Katherine D	oyle, Clara Dupont	Action o	n the Bill
School: Crosby MS		House	Senate
City, Middletown		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed
City: Middletown		in Defeated	L Defeated

An Act Relating To Establishing Nutritional Classes in Kentucky Public High Schools.

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

Section 1: Public high school students in Kentucky will be required to take a Nutritional class that will help lower obesity rates and give important Health education.

Section 2: As of today, 51.05% of the population is obese in the state of Kentucky. There are no classes informing young adults on proper nutrition. This bill will ensure that minors will be prepared for the real world and how to make healthier choices that in the long term affects their health.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect in the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year. In order to graduate, the course requires completion from all high school students.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the State Department of Education.

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the			Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Jaime Taylo	r, Reese Martin, Clare McAllister, Lily Stephens	Action o	n the Bill
School: East Oldham N	AS	House	Senate
		Dassed	□ Passed
City: Crestwood		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To establishing funding for a ByFusion recycling plant **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill will serve as a modification for the homeless population in Kentucky. This benefit will incorporate the company of Byfusion by using their "ByBlocks". These ByBlocks are construction blocks made of recycled plastic that perform higher qualities compared to modern day construction blocks used for houses.

Section 2: We propose the general assembly approve funding for a ByFusion plant, this would be located in Frankfort, Kentucky. The cost for a ByFusion plant is roughly 1.3 million dollars.

Section 3: In the state of Kentucky the general revenues after one year were \$49.8 billon last updated in 2022. Seeing this, we would only need to introduce a .03% income tax raise to meet the correct amount of money to conduct a Byfusion Plant in Kentucky.

Section 4: The income taxes will come into effect fiscal year 2024 and will expire fiscal year 2025.

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW29	
the			Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Connor Har	ris, David Jones, Luke Waltrip, John Mac Dickerson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Edythe J. Haye	s MS	House	Senate
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City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to Reducing the Shortage of Emergency Responders in Kentucky. **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to address the significant shortage of emergency responders in Kentucky, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and firefighters, by implementing measures to attract, train, and retain a skilled and diverse workforce to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

Section 2: This bill seeks to enhance the emergency responder workforce to provide better and timely services to all Kentuckians. – The shortage of emergency responders, including paramedics, EMTs, and firefighters, can result in delayed response times, potentially endangering lives. – The demands on emergency responders have increased due to population growth and public safety needs. – Improving recruitment, training, and retention of emergency responders is crucial to meet the state's emergency services requirements.

Section 3: This bill shall establish a statewide recruitment program to attract individuals to the field of emergency response. The program shall include scholarships, tuition assistance, and other incentives to encourage residents to pursue careers in emergency services. To ensure that emergency responders are well-prepared for their roles, this bill shall allocate funds to enhance and expand training programs for EMTs, paramedics, and firefighters, including continuous education and skills development.

Section 4: Funding shall be allocated within the state budget, in addition to federal grants, and public-private partnerships. The General Assembly shall ensure that sufficient funding is provided to achieve the goals of this act. The estimated cost would be approximately \$15,000,000, which is only 3% of Kentucky's overall state budget. The Kentucky Department of Emergency Management, along with the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board will be in charge of allocated funds and oversee the implementation of this recruitment and retention program.

Section 5: This bill will take effect within 90 days of its passing.

□	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION		
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Eli Lopez, H	unter Buschmann, Diya Patel, Grae Percio	Action or	າ the Bill
School: Edythe J. Haye	es MS	House	Senate
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An Act Relating to Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure equal educational opportunities for non–English speaking students in Kentucky by allowing them to take the Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) in their native language when necessary. This measure aims to assess the academic progress and proficiency of these students accurately, providing a fair and inclusive educational system.

City: Lexington

 Section 2: This bill seeks to ensure that non-English speaking students have the same opportunities for educational success as their English-speaking peers, recognizing that: – The state of Kentucky requires all ELL students to take the KSA, in English, after only one year in Kentucky schools. A majority of these students are still novice in the English language. – Non-English speaking students often face language barriers that can hinder their academic success. – The KSA is a crucial tool for assessing student performance and progress. – Allowing non-English speaking students to take the KSA in their native language can provide a more accurate assessment of their knowledge and skills.

Section 3: Non-English speaking students in Kentucky, whose primary language is not English, shall have the option to take the KSA in their native language when they have not yet achieved a proficient level of English proficiency. Assessment Materials: The Kentucky Department of Education shall provide translated versions of the KSA in multiple languages commonly spoken by non-English speaking students in the state. The translations shall be prepared and validated by qualified language experts and educators, while utilizing digital translation programs, such as Language Line Solutions, Smartling Translation Services, and Google Translation Services. Estimated costs of this project are minimal, as most digital translation services are offered free to the public.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education will train and support educators and administrators to ensure the effective implementation of the native language option for non-English speaking students. The privacy of assessment results and students' personal information, including their language and cultural background, will be safeguarded as per applicable state and federal privacy laws. The annual budget of the Kentucky Department of Education is approximately 6.2 billion dollars per calendar year, they will be responsible for securing translation services for KSA.

Section 5: The provisions of this bill will go into action within one calendar year of its approval.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW31	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Gavin Lawless, Camden Edwards, Zoe Cleveland, Molly Miner		Action on the Bill	
School: Edythe J. Hayes MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to SNAP and EBT Recipient Identification Verification **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to create a requirement for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) recipients to show proof of identification when purchasing goods using their benefits, with the goal of preventing fraud and misuse of these public assistance programs.

Section 2: SNAP and EBT programs provide support to low-income individuals and families, helping them access nutritious food. Instances of fraud or misuse of these programs can compromise their effectiveness and integrity. Requiring proof of identification at the point of sale can help prevent fraudulent activities and ensure that the benefits reach those who genuinely need them. All individuals using SNAP and EBT benefits for purchasing goods shall be required to show valid photo identification, such as a state-issued ID or driver's license, at the point of sale.

Section 3: Exemptions from this requirement shall be made for individuals who are unable to obtain a photo identification card due to age, disability, or other legitimate reasons. Alternative forms of identification or verification methods may be used for exempted individuals.

Section 4: This bill would cost no funds needed to carry out. State agencies responsible for administering the SNAP and EBT programs shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this requirement and providing guidelines for exceptions. The state shall conduct public awareness campaigns to inform SNAP and EBT recipients and retailers about the new requirement and provide information on the necessary documentation.

Section 5: This bill shall take effect 180 days after its passage to allow adequate time for state agencies to notify welfare and food stamp recipients of the new identification requirement.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW32	
		Referred to	Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Miley Powell, Aurora Tomas		Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co. South MS		House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To to recycling in all schools

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All Kentucky schools, both private and public, shall provide recycling bins in and/or around the school perimeter. (2) All Kentucky schools, both private and public, have the discretion for the amount of recycling bins distributed in their school. (3) All Kentucky schools, both private and public, shall promote recycling.

Section 2: Fund shall come from an appropriation from taxes in fiscal year 2024–2025

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

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

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Referred to Committee: **Senate | 2**

Sponsors: Ava Tucker, Catherine Lovell, Brynna Alvey, Izzy Cheaney	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Name ES	House	Senate
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City: Henderson	Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Enforcing A Concealed Carry Permit Law Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Defined: Concealed Carry Permit License requires states to restrict the carry of a concealed firearm in public places to licensed and trained individuals. Defined: Concealed is defined as secret or hidden Kentucky is one of 26 states that allow for permit-less carry of firearms for eligible adults. The state passed a law in 2019 that removed the provisions that mandated state gun owners pass a background check if they were going to conceal carry their weapon. Under the law, most adults over 21 can purchase and carry a firearm and take them to most places in the state without any license. Aside from federal laws that prohibit gun purchases by people with convicted felonies, there are no Kentucky laws that prohibit gun purchases to state residents who have mental health disorders, violent misdemeanor convictions, domestic abuse-related restraining orders, or anyone with substance abuse disorders. This bill would reinstate the KRS. 237.110, to issue and renew licenses to carry concealed firearms or other deadly weapons, or a combination thereof, to qualified persons.

Section 2: Gun deaths across Kentucky in 2021 were 25% greater than in 2018, the year before permit-less carry was allowed in the state. Additionally, gun homicides during the same time period were up 75%. Kentucky has had 947 firearm related deaths in 2023, as compared to 600 deaths in 2018, prior to the removal of the concealed carrying license requirement. Kentucky is ranked in the top 20 states in the nation for firearm related deaths. Firearm injuries and deaths cost Kentucky \$5 billion per year, of which \$180 million comes from taxpayers.

Section 3: An applicant for a CCDW license must complete an application form at the sheriff's office in his or her county of residence. The applicant must also pay the \$60 application fee at the time of application (active and retired peace officers that meet the requirements of KRS 237.110(7) are exempt from paying the application or renewal fee). CCDW license holders are required to renew their license every five years for a \$15 fee.

Section 4: No license issued pursuant to this section any person to carry a concealed firearm into: a)Any police station or sheriff's office b)any detention facility, prison, or jail c) any meeting of a governing body e)any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense beer or alcoholic beverages f) any elementary or secondary school facility g) an area of the airport, as designated h) any place where carrying a firearm is prohibited by federal law.

Section 5: Senate Bill 150 and KRS.527.020 eliminated the six-hour gun-safety training course, background check, and application that were previously required for Kentucky residents wishing to conceal their weapon.

Section 6: This bill does not need additional funding. The CCDW process is already funded and existing through local law enforcement agencies.

Section 7: This bill would be effective July 1, 2024.

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Referred to Committee: **Senate | 1**

Sponsors: Lawson Gower, Sophi Gonzalez Rosales, Reese Rawley	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Name ES	House	Senate
City: Henderson	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing the Penalty for Hoax Active Shooter Reports in Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Defined: Hoax is defined as a humorous or malicious deception. Defined: Active shooter is a term used to describe the perpetrator of an ongoing mass shooting. The term is primarily used to characterize shooters who are targeting victims indiscriminately and at a large scale. Defined: Swatting is the action or practice of making a prank call to emergency services in an attempt to bring about the dispatch of a large number of armed police officers to a particular address. Defined: Class D Felony is defined as a punishment of 1 to 4 years of imprisonment, fine of \$1,000–\$10,000 Defined: Class C Felony is defined as a punishment of 5 to 9 years of imprisonment, fine of \$1,000–\$10,000

Section 2: Several schools, districts, and communities across the states have reportedly been subject to threatening hoax communications characterized as swatting: that is, communicating a false emergency in an attempt to direct an armed police response to a certain target or location, often as a prank or means of harassment. Swatting incidents targeting schools have resulted in significant police activity and disruptions such as lockdowns. One study by an educational nonprofit found that there were at least 446 swatting incidents specifically involving active shooter hoaxes in the United States during the 2022–2023 school year.

Section 3: KRS 519.040 makes it a Class D felony when a person knowingly causes a false alarm of fire or other emergency to be transmitted within any organization, or to an official or volunteer who deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property. It is a Class D felony if the false report results in an emergency response, or initiates or circulates a report/warning of an alleged occurrence, impending fire, or other emergency likely to cause public inconvenience or alarm when the person knows the information is false or baseless. This new law makes the venue for any prosecution for this offense in any county where the defendant resides, where the false report was communicated, or where the emergency response occurred.

Section 4: This bill would increase the penalty of swatting, hoax reporting, or robocalling false emergencies to a Class C Felony, which would increase the penalty and punishment, as defined in Section 1.

Section 5: This bill does not require any additional funding, as the resources needed to fund the bill already exist.

Section 6: This bill would take effect on July 1, 2024.

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW35	
the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Bryn Haley, Ann Marie Gerch, Caroline Martin, Jack Renda		Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Trinity Cat	:holic School – Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To An Animal Abuse Registry and Background Checks for Animal Adoptions

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

Section 1: As Kentucky was ranked last in animal protection for over ten years and now is the 5th worst in the country, the Commonwealth will take steps to prevent those convicted of animal abuse from adopting animals through the use of a searchable database available to the public.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 17 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1 – The Department of the Kentucky State Police shall develop and operate an animal abuse offender registry for those convicted of animal abuse in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. 2– The central registry shall include the name of each individual who has been found by the cabinet to have abused or neglected an animal after this bill is put into effect 3 – As part of their sentencing for animal abuse, the offender is told that they will be registered and must pay a fine of \$100 to the Animal Abuse Registry Fund each year for the first 10 years. If they have financial hardship, they can request the option to do community service respectfully knowing that won?t be allowed at an animal shelter. 4 – Any agency, business, or non–profit that handles animal adoptions or animal sales in Kentucky must check the animal abuse registry before permitting any adoption or sale, and cannot sell an animal to an animal abuse offender. 5 – This registry shall be available to the public for no fee 6 – Failure to register by paying the fee is a crime punishable by up to 60 days in jail or a \$2000 fine.

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

Section 4: The funding for the registry shall come from the fees paid by the registrants. An additional amount of \$1,000 will be allocated to the Animal Abuse Registry Fund for the first five years and then any balances remaining will carry forward.

Section 5: This Act takes effect on March 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW36	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Jacob Breit, Calvin Vantrease, Daniel Waterfield, William Blackburn		Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Trinity Catholic School – Louisville		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
City: Louisville			

AN ACT relating to Sudden Cardiac Arrest and ECG screenings for Middle and High Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: One in 300 children has an undetected heart condition and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of death in high school athletes. A standard school physical misses 96% of deadly heart conditions and electrocardiograms (ECGs) are 95% effective in detecting the main condition that causes SCA.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: In school year 2024–2025, any student in grades six (6) through twelve(12) shall complete a screening questionnaire for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) as part of the physical required to participate in athletics. If the questionnaire answers indicate symptoms of SCA, they must be referred for an electrocardiogram (ECG) before participation in athletics. Beginning in school years 2025–2026 and each year after, students in grades six (6) though eight(8) who are participating in athletics for the first time shall complete the screening questionnaire for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) as part of their physical exam required to participate in athletics. If the questionnaire answers indicate symptoms for SCA, they must be referred for an electrocardiogram (ECG) before participation in athletics. Beginning in school years 2025–2026 and each year after, students in grades nine(9) through twelve(12) who are participating in athletics for the first time shall complete the screening questionnaire for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) as part of their physical exam required to participate in athletics. If the questionnaire answers indicate symptoms for SCA, they must be referred for an electrocardiogram (ECG) before participation in athletics. All parents and student athletes will be provided with written information on SCA as part of their required physical before participation in athletics. Any parent who has a religious objection to their child receiving a medical examination may state so in writing and their child is exempted from this requirement.

Section 3: This Act requires no expenditure of funds.

Section 4: This Act takes effect June 1, 2024.

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the		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Lilly Williams	s, Madelyn Perkins, Eryn McDowell, Chloe Gandee	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
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An Act Relating To Requiring All School Employees to be CPR and AED Certified **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill will require all Kentucky school employees to be trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and correct use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Currently, sports coaches and Preschool/Head Start Program staff are the only school employees that are required by the state of Kentucky to achieve CPR/AED/First Aid certification. Bus drivers are only required to be trained in basic first aid procedures. While every school district is required to have an AED within the schools, not every employee is instructed on how to properly use the device.

Section 2: This bill will effect all public school employees in the state of Kentucky. School employees will have the necessary training to perform CPR, and/or use an AED (if available) in the school setting, at home, or in the community.

Section 3: Each public school district will be responsible for providing training for all school employees.

Districts are already required to provide instructors, and pay for certification for sports coaches and Preschool/Head Start Program staff.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW38	
the		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Chandler Wh	alin, Sebastian Villanueva, Jake Brown	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring all KY Public Middle Schools to Teach a Life Skills Class **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill will require all Kentucky public middle schools to teach a Life Skills class. Currently, no such law exists.

Section 2: Anytime during a student's 6th, 7th, or 8th grade year, Kentucky public schools will be required to teach students life skills in a class format during the school day. Schools may choose the duration and length of the class. The schools will be provided guidance by the Kentucky Department of Education which would suggest certain topics that possibly could be taught. It will be the decision of the school to choose the specific content taught, and during which grade level students will receive the instruction. Once a student participates in a life skills class, the requirement has been fulfilled.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW39	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: AJ Martin, Caylee Cash, Coleson Shepherd, Maddy Alexander		Action o	n the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	MS	House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Mt. Vernon		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To limiting the number of alcoholic beverages one can purchase at one time.

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

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Section 1: Since 2019, crash fatalities involving alcohol in Kentucky have gone up over 38%. 78% of drunk drivers tested were found to have a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.10% or above at the time of the collision. In Kentucky, the median number of drinks per binge is 5–7; the 25% most active drinkers consume a median 8.8 drinks per binge.

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Section 2: KRS 243.0305 is amended to read as follows: Citizens aged 21 and above may only purchase 2 alcoholic beverages at one time. For example, this could mean one bottle of wine and one case of beer. ?Alcoholic beverage? is defined as any fermented liquor, such as wine, beer, or distilled spirits, that contains ethyl alcohol, or ethanol, as an intoxicating agent. ?Binge? is defined as a period of excessive indulgence in an activity, especially eating, drinking, or taking drugs.

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Section 3: Penalties for selling more than the legal limit are: First Offense: \$500 Second Offense: \$1,000 Third Offense: Suspended alcohol license Penalties for purchasing more than the legal limit are: First Offense: \$250 Second Offense: \$500 Third Offense: Class A Misdemeanor

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Section 4: This law will go into effect immediately after its passing.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW40	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors : Lily Kate Stinnett, Jackson Singleton, Margaret Meador, Thomas Dusza		Action on the Bill	
School: St. Agnes School		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Paying Off Teacher Student Loans in Order to Recruit and Retain Classroom Teachers for Grades K-12

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS chapter 164A is created as follows.

Section 2: To be eligible for this loan an applicant must have a bachelor degree from an accredited higher education institution in the state of Kentucky or out of the state, have completed all requirements for a standard teaching certificate in the state of Kentucky, and agree to teach full time at any school in the state for five consecutive school years. You can not be eligible for the loan if you have been convicted of a felony or an offense involving a controlled substance.

Section 3: A teacher may receive a "Teach for Kentucky" loan repayment assistance up to \$200,000 over 5 years. If the loan is not state or a federal guaranteed student loan, the note or other writing governing the terms of the loan must require the loan proceeds to be used for expenses incurred by a person to attend a public or private institution or higher education.

Section 4: Before the teacher receives the payment they must sign an agreement that they understand the terms and conditions that apply to the loan repayment bill. If the teacher does not complete the required time line then they must pay back all of the money that was given to them from the loan repayment. Eligible education loans shall be repaid annually, pro rata over each of five years, at the end of each school year. If the teacher is terminated with cause, the loan repayment agreement is void.

Section 5: The legislature shall appropriate money for the purpose of this subchapter from funds generated pursuant to KRS Chapter 230.817, Sports Wagering

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW41	
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Sponsors: Emma Edelen, Emma Marie Klein, Sam Elstner, Madeline Barker		Action on the Bill	
School: St. Agnes School		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Creation of a Text 911 Service for all Counties of Kentucky. **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65.760 IS CREATED AS FOLLOWS: (1) Every county in Kentucky shall provide an emergency text line for all its residents, otherwise known as a text-to-911 service. (2) This service should be used only for emergency purposes, in situations where a voice call would be considered unsafe or not possible.

Section 2: The 911 call centers in each county shall instruct the current voice call operators in the proper response techniques for text-to-911, which shall be the same as a 911 voice call and the responsibility of the call center; operators will be responsible for responding to only one text or call at any given time.

Section 3: Texting 911 in a non-emergency case or reporting false emergency shall be considered in the same way as a non-emergency 911 voice call and classified as a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months imprisonment and a \$500 fine.

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

Section 5: This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2027, in order to ensure all counties can provide adequate technology and funds.

the KENTUCKY	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red CW42	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Eva Gibbs, Paul Morris, Annelise Prodent, Alayla Sims		Action on the Bill	
School: St. Patrick School - Maysville		House	Senate
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City: Maysville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Smoke-Free Indoor Workplaces and Public Places Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Smoking shall be prohibited for all persons and at all times inside enclosed workplaces and public places, including employer owned vehicles. (a) "Smoking" shall be defined as the use of any tobacco product that produces smoke (e.g. cigarettes, cigars, pipes) or vapors (e.g. vape pens, e-cigarettes). (b) ?Enclosed? shall be defined as having three or more walls and a roof. (2) All workplaces and public places in Kentucky shall post signage in all property, including any vehicle, that is owned, operated, leased, or contracted for use by a business proprietor or public entity, clearly stating that smoking is prohibited at all times and by all persons. (3) Proprietors are required to enforce the policy for employees, and proprietors and employees are required to enforce the policy for patrons of the workplace or public place.

Section 2: (1) Patrons or employees may file a complaint of smoking inside a workplace or public place with the local health department. The health inspector will be tasked with investigating complaints of smoking and issuing consequences for the proprietor, including: (a) First violation: Warning; (b) Second violation: Fine of \$100; (c) Third and subsequent violations: Fine of \$100 per day, not to exceed \$2,500. (2) People smoking outside of a workplace or public place must stand far enough away from the door of a building that smoke does not enter the building. If smoke enters the building, a report of violation can be made for infiltration. (3) Retaliation against anyone for reporting a violation, against businesses for enforcing this policy, and against professionals for enforcing this policy are prohibited. A report of retaliation will also be followed up with an investigation by the health inspector.

Section 3: (1) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted or construed to repeal any existing local ordinances, regulations, or policies that provide restrictions on the use of tobacco products that produce smoke or vapors in addition to those provided for in this section. (2) Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW43	
the			Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Vivian Fox, Jackson Huff		Action on the Bill	
School: Talton K. Stone MS		House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Kentucky Safe Boating Certificate Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 235 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A person under twelve years (12) years of age shall not operate a personal watercraft or motorboat over (10) horsepower on the public waters of the Commonwealth. (2) A person twelve (12) years of age and older shall not operate a personal watercraft or motorboat over (10) horsepower on the public waters of the Commonwealth unless the person is in possession of a safe boating certificate or is accompanied, on board, by a person eighteen years of age or older in possession of a safe boating certificate. (3) While operating a motorboat or a personal watercraft over ten (10) horsepower on the public waters of the Commonwealth, nonresidents twelve (12) years of age and older shall have in their possession a Kentucky safe boating certificate or a recognized and equivalent boat operator licensing or safe boating certificate from another state or country.

Section 2: Violations will result in fines of up to five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense.

Section 3: Motorboat registration fees, managed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, will provide administrative funding and implementation of this act.

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

21 Section 5: This Act shall take effect on June 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW44	
			Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Lydia Redd, Lilli Richardson, Jayden Visingardi		Action on the Bill	
School: Trigg Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To requiring all classroom teachers in Kentucky to take a course that consists of CPR, AED, 2 and FIRST-AID certification. 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public school 5 classroom teachers are required to take the national CPR Foundation Standard First-aid, AED, and CPR 6 7 course. 8 9 Section 2: This act does not require schools to pay for it out of the year's budget. The funding will come from the school safety fund administered by the state, as well as the Life Safety And ADA Compliance funds also 10 11 given by the state.

${\color{red} \bullet}$	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW45	
the			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Allie Sandifer, Brooklyn Chesnut, Chayse Gilliland, Campbell Lindsey		Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy MS		House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Requiring Minors Age Twelve (12) to Sixteen (16) To Obtain an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Operator
2	License
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 189.515(6) IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A person between the
6	ages of 12 and 16 will be required to obtain an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) license to operate an all-terrain
7	vehicle (ATV) without the direct supervision of a parent."
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9	Section 2: This bill will require the operators to pass a written test in order to obtain their ATV operator
10	license.
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12	Section 3: A \$35.00 fee will be charged for the ATV operator license.
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14	Section 4: The Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with the Transportation Cabinet will establish
15	curriculum for the safety program and testing resources.
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17	Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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Section 6: This bill will go into effect six months after passage and signature of governor.