

BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

| ° | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue BG1 Referred to Committee: Senate 1 | |
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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | | |
| Sponsors: Nandhika Ve | eeramalli, Priya Gautam, Saanvi Vinod, Teagan Gaslin | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Ballard HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | Passed Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To the usage of corporal punishment in public schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: Corporal Punishment: Physical punishment that is administered as a form of discipline. Section 2: All public schools shall not administer any form of corporal punishment on their students regardless of consent from parental figures or quardians. Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: KRS 158.444 - The use of corporal punishment should be banned in public schools guardians. Section 4: If any portion of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect. Section 5: Penalties: First Offense \$5,000 fine Second Offense \$10,000 fine with suspension of teaching and administrator license Third Offense \$25,000 fine with dismissal

Section 6: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue BG2 Referred to Committee: Senate 3 | |
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| | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | | |
| Sponsors: Easha Heella | age, baker Phillips, Maryjane Lincoln, Wyatt Wheelock | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Ballard HS | | House | Senate |
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| City: Louisville | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To the criminal punishment for the production and distribution of Fentanyl.

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

Section 1: The 2022 Overdose Fatality Report stating that 2,135 Kentuckians lost their lives to a drug overdose last year. 90% were attributed to fentanyl poisoning not only that but fentanyl poisoning accounts for 72.5% of overdose deaths nationwide.

Section 2: In 2023 Kentucky's Counterdrug Program seized 142 pounds of fentanyl over seven months that could have caused almost certain death for more than 28.9 million people.

Section 3: A person is guilty of manufacturing and distributing Fentanyl when he or she knowingly and unlawfully: (a) Manufactures Fentaynl, or (b) With intent to manufacture Fentaynl possesses two (2) or more chemicals or two (2) or more items of equipment for the manufacture of Fentaynl. (3) Knowingly markets and sells products that contain fentanyl.

Section 4: A revised section of KRS 218A.1432 is to read as follows: Manufacturing and distribution of Fentynal is a Capital Offense.

Section 5: Part A: A minimum of 25 years in prison if found guilty of the production and distribution of fentanyl. Part B: If someone overdoses and dies from a product containing fentanyl the person who sold them the product faces a mandatory of 25 years to life all the way up to the death penalty. Part C: If a dealer is found to have been the cause of, at least two fentanyl overdose deaths, they could be potentially charged as a serial killer.

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

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: **Senate | 3**

| Sponsors: Cesar Garcia, Johnnisha Hughes, Weston Bragg, Alesia Caudell | Action o | n the Bill |
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| School: Butler Traditional HS | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | Passed | □ Passed |

An Act Relating To Community Service Becoming A High School Graduation Requirement Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill proposes to create a new section of 704 KAR 3:305. The added section will mandate that all high school students in Kentucky must complete a minimum of 50 community service hours by the student's specific graduation date, including a minimum of 10 hours in education, 10 hours in environment, 10 hours in health, and 20 hours in social welfare community service, as a graduation requirement. Collaborate with schools and community organizations to establish guidelines. Students must log their hours on a log sheet that their counselors provide, they must include the corporation, the date they volunteered, how many hours they completed, a brief description of what they had to do, and a signature from their supervisor.

Section 2: This bill will ensure a variety of community service opportunities are open to students, with a minimum number of hours specified for each category. Foster partnerships with local non-profits, government agencies, and businesses to diversify service options.

Section 3: Ensure school counselors, mentors, or experienced volunteers assist students in finding suitable community service opportunities tailored to their skills and interests, promoting a meaningful experience.

Section 4: Students with excusable circumstances, such as physical disabilities or personal hardships may apply for exemptions or alternative service options. Students who fail to complete service hours by April 1st of their Senior Year, will not be able to walk out during their classes? graduation. Students who have not completed their service hours, will not obtain their diploma until completing them.

Section 5: A system will be implemented to recognize students' community service achievements. Include reflection activities to deepen students' understanding of the impact of their service and promote personal growth. Specify the criteria for recognition.

Section 6: There will be routine evaluations conducted to gauge the effectiveness of the graduation community service requirement. Feedback will be gathered from students, schools, and organizations for continuous improvement. Adjustments to the program will be based on data and feedback. Representation from schools, community organizations, and students will be ensured to adapt the program to evolving needs.

Section 7: Plans will be detailed for promoting the community service program within schools and communities. Requirements will be included for reports to track the program's overall impact, fostering transparency and accountability.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect for the 2025–2026 school year.

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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Referred to Committee: House 2 | |
| Sponsors: Mia Miller, S | tella Clagett, Olivia Wright, Haiden Cammack | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Elizabethtown I | -IS | House | Senate |
| City: Elizabethtown | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating to public preschool acceptance.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. All children of eligible age shall be accepted into public preschool. 2. Regardless of parents' income or child?s ability. 3. New buildings or renovations made to accommodate needed classrooms.

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

10 Section 3: This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

| • | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue BG5 Referred to Committee: Senate 2 | |
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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | | |
| Sponsors: Harris Sprin | gsteen, Isaiah Powers, Ellis Nepi, Barrett Alicna | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Elizabethtown | HS | House | Senate |
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| City: Elizabethtown | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To Restricting Puppy Mills, and Promoting Pet Adoption in Pet Stores and County-Run Shelters Instead.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. All pet stores in the state of Kentucky are required to source their animals from a county-run animal shelter or non-profit animal rescue as opposed to a puppy mill. 2. This bill requires pet stores to partner with a county-run animal shelter or non-profit rescue to showcase adoptable animals. 3. Any pet store found in violation of this ordinance will be fined 500 dollars for every animal found to be for sale from a puppy mill. 4. Animal control officers or local police can enforce this law by responding to reports of suspected violations. 5. Business who are confirmed violating the law will be issued a warning. Businesses who receive 3 or more warnings are subject to closure for not complying with the law and ignoring the warnings.

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

Section 3: This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

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An Act Relating To Registering Certain Non-motorized Vehicles Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS Chapter 186.020 is amended to read: Before the owner of a motor vehicle or a non-motorized animal propelled buggy may operate or permit its operation upon a highway, the owner shall apply for registration in accordance with administrative regulations promulgated by the cabinet, except that a person who purchases a motor vehicle or a non-motorized animal propelled buggy, or brings a motor vehicle or a non-motorized animal propelled buggy into the Commonwealth from another state shall make application for registration within fifteen (15) days.

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

13 Section 3: This act takes effect January 1, 2025.

| | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue BG7 Referred to Committee: Senate 3 | |
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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | | |
| Sponsors: Leah Kramer | , Anna Kahmann, Conner Saalfeld, Nora Deavy | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Holy Cross HS - | - Covington | House | Senate |
| City: Covington | | □ Passed □ Defeated | Passed Defeated |

AN ACT relating to raising the minimum wage and eliminating the tipped employee wage clause

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

Section 1: KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to read as follows, Every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate of not less than five dollars and eighty-five cents (\$5.85) an hour beginning on June 26, 2007, not less than six dollars and fifty-five cents (\$6.55) an hour beginning July 1, 2008, not less than seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$7.25) an hour beginning July 1, 2009, and not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) an hour beginning July 1, 2024. If the federal minimum hourly wage as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) is increased in excess of the minimum hourly wage in effect under this subsection, the minimum hourly wage under this subsection shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the federal minimum hourly wage rate. If the state minimum hourly wage is increased to the federal minimum hourly wage, it shall include only the federal minimum hourly rate prescribed in 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) and shall not include other wage rates or conditions, exclusions, or exceptions to the federal minimum hourly wage rate. In addition, the increase to the federal minimum hourly wage rate does not extend or modify the scope or coverage of the minimum wage rate required under this chapter.

Section 2: The following KRS subsection is repealed: 337.275(2).

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

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: House | 1

| Sponsors: Georgia Fisk, Rachel Beane, Abigail Reed, Izzie Lachmann | Action on the Bill | |
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| School: Holy Cross HS - Covington | House | Senate |
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| City: Covington | Defeated | Defeated |

AN ACT relating to the legal age of alcohol consumption Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1). to read as follows, A person under nineteen (19) years of age shall not enter any premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any alcoholic beverages.

Section 2: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2). to read as follows, A person under nineteen (19) years of age shall not possess for personal use or purchase or attempt to purchase or have another purchase for the person any alcoholic beverages. No person shall aid or assist any person nineteen (19) years of age in purchasing or being delivered or served any alcoholic beverages.

Section 3: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3). to read as follows, A person under nineteen (19) years of age shall not misrepresent the person's age for the purpose of inducing any licensee, or the licensee's agent, servant, or employee, to sell or serve any alcoholic beverages to the underage person.

Section 4: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (4). to read as follows, A person under nineteen (19) years of age shall not use, or attempt to use any false, fraudulent, or altered identification card, paper, or any other document to purchase or attempt to purchase or otherwise obtain any alcoholic beverage.

Section 5: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (5). to read as follows, Except as provided in KRS 244.090, a licensee, or the licensee's agents, servants, or employees shall not permit any person under nineteen (19) years of age to remain on any premises where alcoholic beverages are sold by the drink or consumed on the premises, unless: (a) The usual and customary business of the licensee is a hotel, motel, restaurant, convention center, convention hotel complex, racetrack, simulcast facility, golf course, private club, park, fair, church, school, athletic complex, athletic arena, theater, small farm winery, distillery, brewery, winery, convenience store, grocery store, drug store, entertainment destination center, licensed APC premises, live music or other entertainment or public facility, or any other business type, as determined by the board through the promulgation of administrative regulations, whose operations allow it to adequately monitor and prevent alcohol sales to minors; or (b) All alcoholic beverage inventory is kept in a separate, locked department at all times when minors are on the premises.

Section 6: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (6). to read as follows, Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a licensee or the licensee's agent, servant, or employee shall not allow any person under the age of nineteen (19) to remain on any premises that sells alcoholic beverages by the package unless the underage person is accompanied by a parent or guardian or the usual and customary business of the establishment is a convenience store, grocery store, drugstore, or similar establishment.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG8 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 1 |
| Sponsors: Georgia Fish | k, Rachel Beane, Abigail Reed, Izzie Lachmann | Action c | n the Bill |
| School: Holy Cross HS | - Covington | House | Senate |
| City: Covington | | Passed | □ Passed □ Defeated |

Section 7: KRS 244.085 is amended to read as follows: Amend (7). to read as follows, Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, a person under the age of nineteen (19) shall not remain on any premises that sells alcoholic beverages by the package unless the person under the age of nineteen (19) is accompanied by a parent or guardian or the usual and customary business of the establishment is a convenience store, grocery store, drugstore, or similar establishment.

 Section 8: KRS 244.083 is amended to read as follows: Every retail licensee shall display at all times in a prominent place a printed card at least eight (8) inches by eleven (11) inches in size which shall show, in thirty (30) point or larger type, substantially as follows: Persons under the age of nineteen (19) are subject to a fine up to one hundred dollars (\$100) if they: 1. Enter licensed premises to buy, or have served to them, alcoholic beverages. 2. Possess, purchase or attempt to purchase, or get another to purchase alcoholic beverages. 3. Misrepresent their age for the purpose of purchasing or obtaining alcoholic beverages.

Section 9: KRS 244.105 is amended to read as follows: No person under the age of nineteen (19) may redeem a gift card or any portion of a gift card for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. A person holding a license under KRS 243.030 or 243.040 may redeem a gift card for the purchase of alcoholic beverages if the person presenting the card is nineteen (19) years of age or older.

Section 10: KRS 244.650 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2). to read as follows, No confection or candy described in this section shall be sold, given or delivered to any person under nineteen (19) years of age. Any violation of this section shall be considered an unlawful transaction with a minor in the third degree pursuant to KRS 530.070.

Section 11: KRS 244.650 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3). to read as follows, No confection or candy described in this section shall be sold or offered for sale in this state unless the product has a prominently displayed label containing the statement: "SALE OF THIS PRODUCT TO PERSONS UNDER 19 YEARS OF AGE IS UNLAWFUL."

Section 12: In order to grant sufficient preparation time, this act takes effect December 1, 2024.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG9 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 2 |
| Sponsors: Lainey Terla | u, Sarah Vibbert | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Kentucky Count | try Day | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

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

Section 1: This Bill will be cited as "Financial Literacy is Financial Responsibility Bill"

 Section 2: This Bill will amend the KRS 158.1411 graduation requirement for financial literacy to read as follows: 1) Successful completion of one (1) or more courses or programs that meet the financial literacy standards shall be a Kentucky public high school graduation requirement. a) Ensures that students in Kentucky will have a basis of state specific information upon graduation.

Section 3: All public high schools shall be required to offer a mandatory financial literacy class touching base on specific topics. Included are: a) How banks work: making accounts (checkings, savings, etc.), Housing (mortgages, interest rates, etc.), checks (writing, cashing, balancing checking accounts, etc.) b) Taxes (personal income tax, federal and state tax, tax returns) c) Insurance (life insurance, car insurance, medicare and Medicaid) d) Retirement planning (IRAs, social security) e) Debt (student loans, credit vs. debit cards/credit card debt, personal loans, FICO score)

Section 4: This class shall be mandatory for graduation from a Kentucky public high school (a) Maintains that if students do not finish this class with a passing grade, they will be required to repeat it the following year or they will not be allowed to graduate.

Section 5: The Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Finance and Operations will manage the implementation of this program and the cost involved.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect in the 2024 – 2025 school year.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG10 | |
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| | | Referred to Hous | _ |
| Sponsors: Rhodri McNamara, Hayden Silvers | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Louisville Area United Homeschool | | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Variable Speed Limits Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 189.390 section (3) is amended to read as follows "The speed limit for motor vehicles on state roads and highways shall be set as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) determines to be best. These speed limits shall be displayed by speed limit signs that comply with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) made by the U.S. Department of Transportation."

Section 2: Repeal KRS section 189.390 part (4).

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG11 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Aidan Ausbr | ooks, Paisley Perdue, Aliza Melchor, Lucinda Ayres | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Meade Co. HS | | House | Senate |
| | | Passed | □ Passed |
| City: Brandenburg | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To Menstrual Equity for Incarnated Women. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Access to menstrual products in prisons and correctional facilities is minimal, subpar, and inadequate. Throughout the United States prisoners and detainees earn low wages making it difficult to afford adequate menstrual products from the facilities. The menstrual products that are sold are poor quality, limited in quantity, and expensive.

Section 2: Lack of access to proper quality and quantity of menstrual products can result in prisoners reusing the menstrual products, using the menstrual products longer than usual, going without, and bleeding through their clothes and bedding. This is not only unsanitary but this is dangerous to the inmates' health. Wearing a pad or period underwear for too long can cause trapped moisture, leading to rashes or infections. Menstrual products are vital for women's and girls' health, well-being, and full participation. A lack of access to menstrual products can cause emotional duress, physical infection, and disease.

Section 3: Currently 26 states have laws requiring an adequate number of menstrual products to be provided to incarcerated women, however, these states do not define what makes up an adequate amount of menstrual products per woman. The other 24 states don't specify the required menstrual products that are being provided for the inmates in correctional facilities. This legislation would require a detailed amount of menstrual products and mandate funds from the budget surplus of 2024–2025 in Kentucky to provide for an allocated number of menstrual products to be required in all correctional facilities.

Section 4: As per KRS 441.005, prisoners are entitled to receive minimum healthcare requirements, which include menstrual products. However, accommodating the minimum requirement of 22 menstrual products per cycle poses a challenge in correctional facilities since the quantity of free items provided is based on income. To address this issue, Kentucky correctional facilities should be allocated from the budget surplus in Kentucky which is estimated to only increase in the next couple of years to ensure the provision of higher quality and quantity of menstrual products, particularly in facilities with low income.

Section 5: This will come into effect on June 1st, 2024.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG12 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Kendell Wi | lliams, Hunter Steele, Mitchell Marcum | Action o | on the Bill |
| School: Oldham Co. H | S | House | Senate |
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| City: La Grange | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky Relating to Age Limits for Legislators

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

Section 1: It is proposed that Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: No person shall be a Representative who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of Kentucky, has not attained the age of twenty-four years, has exceeded the age of seventy, and who has not resided in this State two years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the county, town or city for which he may be chosen. No person shall be a Senator who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of Kentucky, has not attained the age of thirty years, has exceeded the age of seventy, and has not resided in this State six years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.

Section 2: This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

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

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| the | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 2 |
| Sponsors: Crofton Gille | ette, Cole Birchmeier, Rowen Walter, Tiana Morgan | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Oldham Co. HS | | House | Senate |
| City: La Grange | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To the Preservation of the Human Workforce Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 239 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any commercial development of AI technology with generative text, video, audio, or image capabilities exceeding those of the current leading models (OpenAI's GPT-4, ElevenLabs' audio generation, and DALL-E 2's image generation) is prohibited. (2) Definitions for KRS 239 — "Commercial development", in the context of this statute, refers to any development of software or hardware made for monetary gain, or which serves any purpose in the global or local market; "Dangerous", for the purposes of this statute, refers to the capability to harm, endanger, mislead an individual with damaging consequences, or in any other way put at risk any individual.

Section 2: Any individual software developed for personal use is allowed, but must comply with the restrictions outlined in Section 1. It also may not be distributed to the public, digitally or physically, either for free, for an exchange of items or assets, or for currency of any kind, including, but not limited to, cryptocurrency.

Section 3:Any individuals in violation of this statute will be fined, depending on the severity of the offense, anywhere from \$1,000 to \$100,000, with the possibility of further charges depending on the severity of the offense and the consequences of the violation.

Section 4: Any companies in violation of the statute will be fined up to but not exceeding \$5,000,000, depending on the severity of the offense. If the developed technologies are deemed exceedingly dangerous by a court of law, charges may be expanded to the federal level.

Section 5: This statute will go into effect on January 1, 2024, with an expiration date of January 1, 2034, with the possibility of future renewal. The reason for the enacting date is to make future legislation easier, and to provide the public with clearer dates of effect.

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

| * KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue BG14 | |
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| the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Referred to Hous | |
| Sponsors: Allie Sobotka, Gavin VanHook, Jaxen Petrey, Joslyn Morrow | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Pulaski Co. HS | House | Senate |
| City: Somerset | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will establish a "Pay Per Run" system for all volunteer fire departments who receive state aid. This ?Pay Per Run? system will compensate each eligible firefighter \$10.00 for every call they respond to, up to \$150.00 per month. Calls may be, but are not limited to: structure fires, vehicle accidents, and medical assistance.

Section 2: For volunteer firefighters to be eligible, they must obtain their Kentucky Basic 1 and 2 Certifications as outlined by the Kentucky State Fire Commission (KSFC), and be at least 18 years old to receive pay.

Section 3: Every eligible volunteer firefighter will be distributed a check by their department on the first of each month.

Section 4: The volunteer fire departments and the KSFC will keep all records of emergency calls responded to and details of compensation distributed for ten (10) years and will be checked for compliance with this law by the KSFC during their annual audits.

Section 5: All individuals who pay property tax in a volunteer department district will pay a proportional amount based on the valuation of their property once per year to pay the volunteer firefighters.

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

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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 3 |
| Sponsors: Ada Nickerson, Addison Moeves | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Scott HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Taylor Mill | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Reforming Prison Parenting Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill aims to reform prison parenting to have better care of pregnant prisoners and to allow incarcerated prisoners to be involved in their child's development.

Section 2: A separate unit within the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women will be created which will house at most 30 prisoners at a time—12 being parents themselves, 18 trustees. This unit will only be able to house prisoners with non-violent crimes, and their children. For parents to qualify for the program, they must have an earliest release date of three years after sentencing. If going to prison with a child, the child must be under one year of age and will age out of the program by the age of three.

Section 3: During the period of time they are in the program, the state will have custody of the children. If there is no legal guardian when the child has aged out of the program, they will remain in the custody of the state; as is the current protocol.

Section 4: To fund this program, there will be a 2% tax on the coal industry.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG16 | |
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| | | Referred to | Committee: se 3 |
| Sponsors: Ashley Potts | s, Elle Jones, Payton Baker | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Crestwood | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating to the Protection of Animals as Pets

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All facilities selling pets will be required to issue background checks to any potential buyer. (2) Facilities will not sell to customers with a history of any felony violent crime against humans and/or animals. (3) Failure to abide by this law will result in a warning on 1st offense, fine of \$10,000 on 2nd offense, and closure of facility on 3rd offense.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG17 | |
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| Sponsors: Daniel Zieg | e | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham | HS | House | Senate |
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| City: Crestwood | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating to The Mining of Lignite Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS 77.155 to read as follows; (3) The Commonwealth shall penalize mining companies and industries for the extraction of the dangerous mineral, Lignite. Additionally, amend KRS 77.990 to read as follows; (5) Extraction of lignite will impose a fine of \$200 per ton of lignite burned. If more than 500 tons are burned by a corporate entity, its power plants will be shut down and the corporation and its owners will no longer be allowed to operate a coal mining or coal power plant in the Commonwealth, or face a 25 year sentence and \$100,000 fine.

Section 2: Lignite makes up 8% of Kentucky's energy, and produces 12% of greenhouse gas emissions. Removing lignite will not cause job loss or much loss of profit because higher quality coal can still be mined and lignite is a small portion of coal mining companies profit.

Section 3: In accordance with KRS 152.714, A total of 250 million dollars will be used to fund a solar farm SOE. This will offer around 100 jobs for Kentucky, take around 500–600 acres, and the energy can be sold to gain approximately 43 million annually, lasting for around 30 years. The funds will be sourced from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. All decisions will be made as to the details of the solar farm by the Office of Energy Policy.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG18 | |
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| | | Referred to Hous | Committee: se 3 |
| Sponsors: Madeleine M | 1ischen | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Sphinx Academ | у | House | Senate |
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| City: Lexington | | Defeated | Defeated |

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

Section 1: This bill will add a subsection to section one of KRS statute 158.141.

Section 2: Currently, KRS 158.1415 only requires abstinence education. The proposed change will ensure that children are educated about the consequences and have realistic expectations of sexual relationships. It will guarantee that children are able to recognize assault or rape.

Section 3: This bill will require that the standards for health that teach students sexual education in Kentucky will include consent, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), types of rape, puberty, pregnancy, contraceptives, and safe sexual practices.

Section 4: During middle school, teachers will be required to teach children of all sexes the same material about male and female puberty, in addition to what is and isn't a form of consent as part of the Kentucky Academic Standards for Health. This standard will also go over the different forms of sexual harassment, which include, but are not limited to: unwelcome or unconsented sexual behaviors, verbal or physical harassment of sexual nature, jokes referring to sexual acts, making conditions of employment or advancement dependent on sexual favors, discussing sexual relations/stories/fantasies in inappropriate settings, feeling pressured to engage with someone sexually, exposing or performing sexual acts on oneself, and unwanted sexual photos, messages, or social media posts.

Section 5: During high school, teachers will be required to teach children of all sexes the same material about strategies for safe sex and the consequences of sex. They will also be required to go over the different types of rape and sexual harassment. The different forms of rape will be part of Kentucky Academic Standards for Health, including, but not limited to: diminished capacity, age-related, incest, partner, acquaintance, aggravated, contact, blitz, serial, substance facilitated, multiple perpetrator/gang, and date rape.

Section 6: This bill will go into action on the 1st of July to ensure teachers have enough time to comply with these new standards.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG19 | |
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| | | Referred to | Committee: se 3 |
| Sponsors: Carter Schm | idt, Grace Woody, Emmalee Mink | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: West Jessamine | e HS | House | Senate |
| City: Nicholasville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To An Increase in Pay for Certified Nursing Assistants in Nursing Home Facilities

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 337 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS The Department of Health and Human Services shall receive the funds gathered from the below mentioned tax increase (KRS 139). The Department of Health and Human Services shall distribute the gathered funds to any Nursing Homes across the State of Kentucky that provide care to Medicare/Medicaid Customers. The amount of funds given to each individual Nursing Home will be based on the number of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs). The payment given to each Nursing Home will be divided among the CAN's as said Nursing Home sees fit. 90% of this fund will be designated for CAN's checks and the remaining 10% will go towards general upkeep and improvement of each individual Nursing Home.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS All products containing nicotine will now be taxed at an additional rate of 1%.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill | Blue BG20 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 1 |
| Sponsors : Anna lames, lan Messmore, Sophie Hagedorn, zeppelin vazquezberry | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Williamstown Sr. HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Williamstown | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Specialized Health Care For Athletes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: 74% of high school students in the Commonwealth are considered student athletes. 28% of these student athletes have admitted to have acted upon a variation of mental illness.

Section 2: An act to require re-evaluation of the counseling of student athletes in the commonwealth is a solution towards the support system around student athletes.

Section 3: This bill requires one Student Athlete Mental Health Coordinator per 250 students with a completed physical evaluation form in every school district in Kentucky. (1) Additional staff must hold a degree in psychiatric and/or counseling. (2) 5% of annual sports gambling tax will be used to fund this position. (3) The starting salary for this position will be set per district.

Section 4: Students must meet with the coordinator at least twice a year. Students may meet more often if needed with additional meetings that have to be scheduled. This coordinator should meet with coaches once a month for mental health training. This coordinator should teach a unit on mental health to physical education classes. The Student Mental Health Coordinator will give advice on how to manage performance anxiety, pressure from parents, coaches, and the individual, etc. All regular FERPA and HIPAA laws will apply to this position. The Student Mental Health Coordinator has the option to attend any practices for the enquiring student in question.

Section 5: This shall be in full effect at the start of the 2025–2026 school year.



COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

| KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION | Blue CW1 | |
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| rs, Emma Leslie, Jada Washington, Omar Caballero | Action o | n the Bill |
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An Act Relating To to the Protection of Literary Materials in Public Libraries **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: As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires: (a) "Library" refers to any facility that receives state funding for the purpose of providing public access to books and other informational materials. (b) "Book" includes any written or printed work and its physical or digital format.

Section 2: (a) No book in a state-funded library shall be removed or restricted based on the views expressed in the book or the opinions, beliefs, or affiliations of the author.(b) Removal or restriction of a book must be based on specific, documented criteria related to its condition, rating, or accuracy.

Section 3: (a) A transparent and accountable review process shall be established for any proposed removal or restriction of books. This process should involve a committee of diverse community members, librarians, and experts in literature, ensuring a fair and unbiased evaluation.

Section 4: (a) State-funded libraries must maintain a diverse and inclusive collection that reflects the varied interests, beliefs, and perspectives of the community they serve. Libraries should actively promote access to information and freedom of inquiry.

Section 5: Violation of this act may result in the withholding of state funding for the library until corrective measures are taken.

Section 6: This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2024



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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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| Sponsors: Cammy Hamm, Hammy Hamm, Kevin Brothers, Mason Moore | Action on the Bill | |
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| School: Ballard HS | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | □ Passed □ Defeated | \Bigcup Passed \Bigcup Defeated |

An Act Relating To Private Nuclear Power Development Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Coal production has dropped by 90% in Kentucky in the last 20 years, as this once dominant industry slowly fades away. Due to this, 75% of workers in this industry have lost their jobs in the past 10 years. Unemployment in Kentucky has risen to nearly 4.0%. In eastern Kentucky, where the coal industry was most prominent, the issue is far worse. The 10 counties with the highest unemployment rates in the state all are east of Lexington, with some counties like Magoffin County reaching as high as 12.1% as of June 2022. Despite these challenges brought on by coal, Kentucky still produces nearly 70% of its total energy from it. Historically, producing our energy from coal was very practical, and tied right into our existing economy. But in this day and age, coal is hurting our state more than ever. Soon, energy prices will skyrocket, and people across the commonwealth will pay the price. However, Nuclear power offers a very promising solution. With Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), we could both create brand new jobs throughout our state and produce clean, cheap power for the foreseeable future. SMRs were recently (Jan 2023) legalized by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). These reactors use passive cooling systems, and extremely robust containment structures, making them have an extremely significantly reduced risk of melting down, or any other catastrophic failures. They also are far more mobile and can be built and run from practically anywhere, by people already living in the region, without extended education.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 152 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A state committee shall be created, called the Nuclear Energy Development Committee (or NEDC as it will be referred to from here on out). This committee will act as a supplement to the Southern Interstate Nuclear Compact (KRS 152.210) by providing the necessary powers to assist private corporations in establishing small modular nuclear reactors in various locations throughout Kentucky (with an emphasis on eastern Kentucky, and counties with extremely high unemployment).

Section 3: The committee will work in conjunction with federal entities like the Atomic Energy Commission and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, to provide the necessary permits, zoning, contracting, and certifications to private companies operating inside of Kentucky.

Section 4: No direct funding will be provided to any private entity through this committee.

Section 5: This committee shall not own, operate, or permit (without approval from a federal entity such as the NRC) any nuclear energy plant, nor limit, diminish or undermine the jurisdiction exercised by the United States Department of Energy, any agency successor, or any other federal department, agency or officer pursuant to and in conformity with any valid and operative Act of Congress (as stated in Article 7 of KRS 152.210).

Section 6: There is appropriated to the Department of Energy and Environment \$9,150,000 from the budget for Tourism, Arts, and Heritage (whose budget exceeded \$313,000,000 in 2023) in the fiscal year 2024–2025 to be used exclusively for the creation and future operation of this committee.

Section 7: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 8: This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2025

| · · · | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW3 | |
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| the | | | Committee: |
| Sponsors : Ali Alhilfi, Ala Bautista | an Castaneda Gonzalez, Musea Alfaisal, Jorge Blas | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Butler Tradition | nal HS | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Juvenile Record Expungement Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS Chapter 610.330 to allow the automatic expungement of all juvenile misdemeanors after completing juvenile correction without the need of seeking expungement from juvenile court.

Section 2: This legislature intends to provide a clean slate for juveniles who have committed minor offenses, promoting successful reintegration into society as an adult without having them worry about their juvenile record.

Section 3: KRS 610.330 is amended to read as follows: All juvenile crimes committed shall be automatically expunged from juvenile court record after he or she completes assigned time in juvenile correction as long as said crime does not fall under either KRS Chapter 17.500 or KRS Chapter 439.3401.

Section 4: In addition, any adult who committed a misdemeanor as a juvenile and still has it on their record before the passing of this bill will have their misdemeanor expunged as long as the said individual has not been prosecuted for any crime after the age of 18.

Section 5: The implementation of this amend on KRS Chapter 610.330 will be carried out by the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice without the requirement of funds.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW4 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 2 |
| Sponsors : Matthew Mattingly, Cole Shartzer, Anthony Flores-Fernandez, Jessica Astudillo | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Butler Traditional HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Mental Health Care for Juveniles In And Out Of Juvenile Detention Centers

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

Section 1: This bill plans to provide mental health care programs for juveniles in and out of juvenile detention centers (juvie) across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These programs would help to provide and support therapy at a free or reduced cost.

Section 2: This bill proposes to create a new section of KRS chapter 210 which allows state and regional mental health programs. These programs would be implemented into every juvenile facility across Kentucky and be staffed with the necessary therapists (cognitive behavioral, interpersonal, dialectical, etc.). The goal of this bill is to provide mental healthcare for juveniles in order to keep them out of juvie. Research done by NDTAC shows, "when youth who are delinquent receive effective mental health treatment, their overall outcomes improve and rates of recidivism decrease."

Section 3: The funding of these programs would wish to be provided from the Kentucky executive budget which is currently set to \$66,107,100 in the fiscal year of 2024 (the 2026 budget is yet to be determined); this bill will use an allocated amount of the executive budget for start-up and needed funding.

Section 4: There are many sources that state evidence on the topic of mental health care for juveniles. According to An Overview of Juvenile Mental Health Courts by Patrick Gardner, "Up to 65 or 70 percent of youth held in American juvenile detention centers have a diagnosable mental illness. Further, a congressional study concluded that every day approximately 2,000 youth are incarcerated simply because community mental health services are unavailable." Another study titled, Minors in Custody "Mental Health Issues states, "In many cases, the stress of a juvenile detention facility will exacerbate a young person's mental health condition and can prevent them from improving. Juvenile courts have started to recognize the connection between juvenile crime and juvenile mental health issues."

Section 5: This bill will be enacted on July 1, 2024.

| • | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW5 | |
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| the | | | Committee: se 1 |
| Sponsors: Ella French, | Aubrey Fugitt, Ashlyn Poole | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Butler Traditional HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | Passed Defeated |

An Act Relating to Disciplinary Actions in Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill plans to bring back after-school detention as a form of discipline in Kentucky school systems. Making after school detention more common in Kentucky schools would provide a stricter learning environment in order to take a stand against misconduct.

Section 2: This bill proposes to create a new section of KRS 158.150, which regards suspension and expulsion of students. After school detention provides a way for schools to further communicate the extremity of a student's behavioral decisions to their guardians. It will be staffed by teachers willing to work an extra hour after school. The goal of this bill is to reduce misconduct in the commonwealth's school systems, and to create a better learning/working environment for students and teachers.

Section 3: Teacher's will be paid their hourly rate, in which a system is already put into place. A teacher?s hourly rate is dependent upon years of experience, and their degree. Funding comes from the designated school board, and whatever system they find best for their students and staff.

Section 4: There are many reasons why it is prominent that Kentucky schools increase after–school detention. Misconduct is extremely distracting to students and staff. The National Center for Education states, "32 percent of public school teachers agree that student misbehavior interferes with their teaching." To add, governing.com estimates that Fifty-one percent of teachers listed "behavior" as the number one reason for quitting.

Section 5: In conclusion, our bill regarding detention will be an act that will be enforced to create an improved learning environment. This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year, with different dates depending on each county.

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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | | Committee: |
| Sponsors: Ben Schory, | Cameron McCullough, Josiah Kennedy, Patty Wright | Action c | n the Bill |
| School: Elizabethtown l | HS | House | Senate |
| City: Elizabethtown | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To a curriculum of police and citizen interaction safety within all public high schools

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1) All public high schools will establish a curriculum which teaches rights and safety during interaction with police officers. 2) The curriculum will be taught by officers at local police departments. 3) The curriculum will deal specifically with proper behavior during interactions with officers, citizens? rights during interactions with officers, questioning and detention laws, consequences for failing to comply, and other areas at the discretion of the officers leading the class. 4) The class will be held at least once a month. 5) Once a student passes a school year?s worth of the program, they are no longer required to take part in the curriculum.

Section 2: The curriculum will be enforced by the Department of Education.



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW7 | |
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| | | Referred to | Committee: se 1 |
| Sponsors: Kate Shirts, Madeline Curtis | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Elizabethtown h | I S | House | Senate |
| City: Elizabethtown | | □ Passed □ Defeated | Passed Defeated |

An Act Relating To increasing the accessibility of Kentucky's child care systems

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

Section 1: SECTION 1: Section 8. 922 KAR:2 160 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to be read as follows, "a child shall be eligible for CCAP if the family's income is less than or equal to ninety (90) percent of the SMI as prepared by the U.S. Census bureau calendar year 2021 at initial application, recertification, or recalculation."

Section 2: Funds will be provided by the Federal Block Grant.

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| the | KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Cameron White, Alex Gilbert | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Greenup Co. HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Greenup | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Waiver of college textbook fees for Kentucky foster or adopted children.

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

Section 1: KRS 164.2847 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1). To read as follows, "Tuition and mandatory student fees for any undergraduate or graduate program of any Kentucky public postsecondary institution, including all four (4) year universities and colleges and institutions of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, shall be waived for a Kentucky foster or adopted child who is a full-time or part-time student if the student meets all entrance requirements and maintains academic eligibility while enrolled at the postsecondary institution, and if: "Add "and textbooks" following mandatory student fees, remove first "and", add commas after "Tuition" and "mandatory student fees".

Section 2: KRS 164.2847 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2). To read as follows, "Tuition and mandatory student fees for any undergraduate program of any Kentucky public postsecondary institution, including all four (4) year universities and colleges and institutions of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, shall be waived for a Department of Juvenile Justice foster child who is a full-time or part-time student if the student meets all entrance requirements and maintains academic eligibility while enrolled at the postsecondary institution and obtains a recommendation for participation from an official from the Department of Juvenile Justice, and if:." Add and textbooks following mandatory student fees, remove first "and", add commas after "Tuition" and "mandatory student fees".

Section 3: This Act takes effect ninety (90) days after passage.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW9 | |
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| Sponsors: Macy Henderson, Kylynn Tudor, Payton Outland | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Heritage Christian Academy | | House | Senate |
| City: Hopkinsville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Organ Donation for Kentucky Prisoners

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

Section 1: A new chapter of KRS Section 196 is created to read as follows: Incarcerated individuals in
 Kentucky prisons shall be eligible to register as an organ donor.

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

9 Section 3: This act will take effect January 1, 2025.

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| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW10 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Jake Daly, Tyler Beane, Jocelyn Monson, Joseph Coutinho | | Action on the Bill | |
| School: Holy Cross HS - Covington | | House | Senate |
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| City: Covington | | Defeated | Defeated |

AN ACT relating to legal methods of execution Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 431.220 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1)(a). to read as follows, Every death sentence shall be executed by use of a guillotine.

Section 2: KRS 431.220 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1)(b). to read as follows, Prisoners who receive a death sentence prior to April 1, 2024, shall choose the method of execution described in paragraph (a) of this subsection or the method of execution of continuous intravenous injection of a substance or combination of substances sufficient to cause death. The lethal injection shall continue until the prisoner is dead. Prisoners who receive a death sentence prior to March 31, 1998, shall choose the method of execution described in paragraph (a) of this subsection or the method of electrocution, which shall consist of passing through the prisoner's body a current of electricity of sufficient intensity to cause death as quickly as possible. The application of the current shall continue until the prisoner is dead. If the prisoner refuses to make a choice at least twenty (20) days before the scheduled execution, the method shall be by guillotine.

Section 3: KRS 431.220 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2). to read as follows, All executions of the death penalty by guillotine, lethal injection, or electrocution shall take place within the confines of the state penal institution designated by the Department of Corrections, and in an enclosure that will exclude public view thereof.



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW11 | |
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| | | | Committee: te 1 |
| Sponsors: Alex Bunton, Gabriel Reed, Zach Chalfin, Ryan Ehlman | | Action on the Bill | |
| School: Holy Cross HS – Covington | | House | Senate |
| City: Covington | | Passed Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Library Systems and declaring an emergency **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 173 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The Board of Libraries in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will adopt the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement declaring the inherent authority of the library or library system to provide an adequate collection of books and other materials sufficient in size and varied in kind and subject matter to satisfy the library needs of the people of this state and prohibit the practice of banning specific books or resources.

Section 2: Whereas the state has an immediate responsibility in promoting public education, and because the public library is a vital agency serving all levels of the educational process, and because there is a need to encourage and protect the freedom of libraries and library systems to acquire materials without external limitation and to be protected against attempts to ban, remove, or otherwise restrict access to books or other materials, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW12 | | |
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| Sponsors: Adam Docks | ponsors: Adam Dockstader, Shaan Bains, Aya Alnabhan, Naya Singal | | Action on the Bill | |
| School: Kentucky Coun | chool: Kentucky Country Day | | Senate | |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated | |
| City. Louisville | | | Deleated | |

An Act Relating To Requiring Extensive Training to Receive a License to Carry a Title II & III Weapon

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS 237 IS CREATED TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) To allow Title II & III weapons to be regulated by a license requirement. (a) The license will be given after a total time commitment of 15 hours. This 15-hour time commitment will be achieved through sessions on gun safety and specific education on your firearm. These sessions will be given in 1.5-hour increments by the County Sheriff?'s Department at the closest police station?'s firing range. (b) The firearm license applicant will have an upfront fee of \$25 for every session taken and an additional \$75 to receive the license. (c) This license would be mandatory along with the Class III License from the ATF and other guidelines. (d) This Act will not affect current Title II & III firearm owners and will only be required for new firearm owners. (2) Failure to adhere to this Act will result in a Class A misdemeanor, which entails no more than 12 months of imprisonment or a fine of up to \$500.

Section 2: The course will be designed by the commissioner's office of the Kentucky State Police to show safety features and to give overall knowledge of firearm laws and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco (ATF) guidelines.

Section 3: Sessions will be available for registration on the County Sheriff?s Department website and will be conducted on weekdays at designated times differing for each county.

Section 4: Payments for this license will be done through the County Sheriff?'s Department through their website or by mail.

Section 5: This Act takes effect 90 days after the close of session.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW13 | |
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| | | Referred to | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Anya Sharma | nya Sharma, Asal Mohammadi, Lorelai Anne, Riya Reddy Action | | n the Bill |
| School: Kentucky Country Day | | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To the Solitary Confinement of Juveniles Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: THE ADDITION of a section deemed KRS Chapter 15A.265, banning the use of solitary confinement as punishment in juvenile detention centers that reads as follows: A) As defined in this added section to KRS 15A.265, "solitary confinement" is defined as the use of social and physical isolation within the detainment system for extended periods of time as Punishment. 1) Define "Extended periods of confinement" as 22 - 24 hours in isolation. B) Maintains that isolation within juvenile detention facilities for the purpose of safety of detainees is not solitary confinement. 1) Prior to placement in isolation for personal safety, the juvenile must pass a psychiatric evaluation and less extreme measures must be pursued. a) Deescalation Rooms, Personnel Intervention, Response Tool Kit, and other de-escalation practices pertaining to Kentucky Juvenile Detention Centers b) Approval from the office of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice before the placement of isolation for personal safety. 2) Following protective isolation, a juvenile will be subject to a mental health evaluation facilitated by mental health professionals through the office of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice. C)Using alternative names for this practice, such as disciplinary segregation, intensive management unit, maximum custody, close confinement, administrative detention, restrictive engagement, or any other terms encompassing a similar definition do not exempt a practice from being solitary confinement.

Section 2: Implementation of the ban of solitary confinement in Kentucky Juvenile Detention Centers will be monitored through the office of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice A) Furthermore all incidents involving the use of protective isolations will be reported by the juvenile detention center's supervising officers to the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice.

Section 3: The bill will go into effect 90 days after the close of session

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW14 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 1 |
| Sponsors: Samuel Dos | ster, Cooper Robinson, Ainsley Brangers, Adeem Gill | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Kentucky Cour | ntry Day | House | Senate |
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| City: Louisville | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To the Creation of a Program as a Substitute for Juvenile Detention Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: An Addition to KRS Chp 15A. 33 that reads as follows: Creating an alternative program to juvenile detention Comprised of education focused on the physiological, educational, and social needs of the juvenile Maintains that more than 70% of children entering juvenile detention centers have mental health disorders. Admission into this program as an alternative to juvenile detention will be decided by the judicial system and several factors considering the circumstances on a case-by-case basis The judicial system will have the final decision in the outcome of the juvenile. The Court must take into account a psychiatric evaluation, done prior to sentencing. Implementation will be done by the KY Department of Corrections, Division of Education

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Section 2: Creations and Implementation of this program will be monitored by the Division of Education Curriculum of the program will be decided by the local Police Department, which also serves as a location for the program to take place. Maintains that local departments will have the best understanding of the issues of a local community. Maintains that the creation of this program is an effort to rebuild trust within local communities and law enforcement.

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

| Notice | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW15 | |
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| the | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 1 |
| Sponsors: Aubrie Laney | , Emma Tackett, John Runyon, Riley Sammons | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Lawrence Co. H | S | House | Senate |
| City: Louisa | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To to high school study halls Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will require all Kentucky high schools to implement a study hall period into all daily student schedules. Study halls have proven to be extremely beneficial for high school students as they perform better academically. Studies have also shown that study halls help students to stay more organized, complete assignments on time, and to develop healthy and effective study habits.

Section 2: Kentucky schools are required to have a minimum of 170 school days with 6 instructional hours per day. Any additional instructional time over this limit will be used for the study hall period. For example, if a high school has seven periods with 55 minutes in each period, that is approximately 6 hours and 25 minutes of instructional time. This additional 25 minutes would then be used as a study hall period.

Section 3: Kentucky high schools failing to adjust accordingly will face sanctions by the Kentucky Department of Education. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, loss of funding, state intervention, fines, and any other measures deemed necessary by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 4: There is no cost associated with the implementation of this bill.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW16 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | |
| Sponsors: Griffin McNa | amara | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Louisville Area | United Homeschool | House | Senate |
| City: Louisville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Free Driver Training when Citizens get their Driver's License.

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

Section 1: KRS 186.480 is amended to read as follows: Add part (6) to read as follows, "All new drivers must take a free short driver training course before being issued a driver's license. This course shall be created and maintained by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to continuously meet the standards below. a. Be administered digitally. b. Take no longer than four (4) hours to complete. c. Teach material that is not well known by Kentucky drivers such as but not limited to; how to zipper merge, how to navigate a roundabout, and how to properly adjust your mirrors. d. Be free for anyone applying for a drivers license to take.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW17 | |
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| Sponsors: cheyanne G | oodwin, Addi Allen, Kailey Kwiatkowski, Reese Williams | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Meade Co. HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Brandenburg | | □ Passed | □ Passed □ Defeated |
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An Act Relating To Requiring Public High School Students to Acquire a Personal Finance Class Credit in Order to Graduate.

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

Section 1: Financial literacy directs to positive personal finance behavior. Studies indicate that individuals with higher levels of financial literacy make better personal finance decisions. The purpose of this act is to ensure that public high school students receive the necessary knowledge and skills to make informed financial decisions in their personal lives. Students having access to personal finance classes empower students to make informed decisions regarding economics, budgeting, saving, building credit, and avoiding lifelong debt.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Education will develop guidelines and requirements for this course, including a sample curriculum guide. The Personal Finance class must be fulfilled at least half a credit/term. The schools must provide the Kentucky Department of Education with a portfolio of the student's works, progress, and lesson plans during the inaugural year to determine the successful performance of the course. If the portfolio does not meet the expectations of the KDE, a KDE representative will come to the school and enforce changes that are aligned with the standards set forth by the KDE curriculum guide for this course during the next year of implementation.

Section 3: The school shall certify to the Department of Education that the individual has successfully completed instruction on personal financial responsibility, before the individual may graduate. This Personal Finance class will be a half credit and must be completed in order to graduate. This will only apply to the class of 2028 and beyond in order to give students a full 4 years to fit this into their schedule. Teachers already employed in the school system will teach this course. They may be business teachers or any teacher with a free spot in their schedule who obtains the curriculum and attends professional development on said curriculum. Because of this, the enactment will not require any extra funds.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the new school year after passage.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW18 | |
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| Sponsors: Carmen Kelly, Ellery Kloek | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Oldham Co. HS | | House | Senate |
| City: La Grange | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To the Reintroduction of Incarcerated Persons (Felony Class C and D) to Society

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 535 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All citizens of the state of Kentucky who have been incarcerated (excluding Class A and B felonies and second offenders), will be granted focused state support in order for successful reintroduction into society. (2) This support consists of reinstatement of educational degrees earned prior to incarceration, assistance in procuring a degree if needed, housing accommodations and help in obtaining employment.

Section 2: All companies who choose to hire an ex-convict will receive a state tax deduction (in addition to the federal tax deduction through the Work Opportunity Tax Credit for targeted groups).

Section 3: Upon passage this bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW19 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 2 |
| Sponsors: Eli Becher | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Pulaski Co. HS | | House | Senate |
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| City: Somerset | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To Drivers Education for Foster Youths Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Licensed foster care agencies in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will create policies to enable minors in foster care or in the custody of the Commonwealth to receive instruction in driver and road safety leading to the obtaining of a Kentucky vehicle operator's license.

Section 2: In order for youths in foster care to qualify for this program, the following criteria must be met: 1.) must be eligible for and obtain a Kentucky driver?s permit, 2.) have and maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average in high school coursework, and 3.) have no school or law enforcement reported behavioral incidents in accordance with the current regulations found in KRS 159.051

Section 3: Liability for qualified driving education time shall be maintained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the Commonwealth providing financial and legal coverage in any event that is the fault of the student driver.

Section 4: All vehicles used in the education of student drivers, both private and public, shall be equipped with dash cameras front and rear, as well as an interior camera. Minor drivers and their legal guardian shall sign an acknowledgement of recording, with footage being maintained by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and remaining confidential, except in the event of an accident or legal request.

Section 5: The individual employee of the foster care agency responsible for providing foster youths with driver education shall, when using a private automobile, be reimbursed per mile driven in the duty of said driver education according to the statutes and rates set by the Legislature.

Section 6: Funding for this program shall be earned from the sale of special license plates, the cost of which shall be fixed at \$25 over the cost of a standard, regular registration and plate. The design of the plate shall be determined by a public contest held by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

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

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW20 | |
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| | | | Committee: se 1 |
| Sponsors: Ruby Hime | s, Shawndel Pleasant | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Red Oaks Fore | est School | House | Senate |
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| City: Lexington | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To the Protection of Old Growth Forests and Trees Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: The Kentucky Department of Natural Resources (KDNR) would document the existence of old-growth trees in Kentucky, in an effort to preserve and protect them. The KDNR would send out an expert to survey the land upon request, as well as sign off on any waivers necessary to verify the existence of old-growth trees on private land.

Section 2: Private landowners who have identified Old Growth Trees on their property will receive: 1. A one-time direct payout allocated by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act of \$500 per old-growth tree they sustain on their property, however, the recipient must continue to sustain said tree/s for two years following the payout to retain the money. 2. They will receive an additional tax write-off for reported and verified old-growth trees for as long as they hold ownership of said trees.

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW21 | |
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| Sponsors: Aden Mullins | s, Annaliese Smith, Isabella Bennett | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: Scott HS | | House | Senate |
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| City: Taylor Mill | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To Government Action around Methamphetamine Trafficking Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In the interest of the many affected by the horrors of drug abuse (specifically methamphetamine), we propose that our state government takes precise action against those convicted of trafficking meth. In particular, those convicted of any number of offenses will have no opportunity for Parole and a mandatory Probation of 2-4 years (depending on number of offenses).

Section 2: It's also in the interest of the people of the Commonwealth that expectations for Probation officers will be strictly enforced. If they do not meet these standards, officers will be fined \$1000 on the first offense, demoted on the second offense, and fired on the third offense. The goal of these penalties is to ensure that probation officers thoroughly understand their responsibilities without the fear that their rights are being violated if they step out of line.

Section 3: To directly help those affected, the state will offer a state-funded, certified rehabilitation program to those in need. Funding for this program will come from an increase on the Vaping Systems Tax from 15% to 18%.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect on January 1st, 2025

| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW22 | |
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| Sponsors: Corrina Puni | nett, Adeline Chastain | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham I | HS | House | Senate |
| City: Crestwood | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An act relating to excused mourning days to students after loss in public schools.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 159.035 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (7) all public schools shall allow up to five days of excused absences per loss of a family/friend each year. These shall be determined by the state rather than district. (a) A student receiving an excused absence under this subsection shall have the opportunity to make up schoolwork missed and shall not have his or her class grades adversely affected for lack of class attendance or class participation due to the excused absence. (b) A student receiving an excused absence under the provisions of this subsection shall be considered present in school during the excused absence for the purposes of calculating average daily attendance as defined by KRS 157.320 under the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW23 | |
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| Sponsors: Azitta Akrar | ni, Eva Larsen, Katie Quinlan | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham | HS | House | Senate |
| City: Crestwood | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Establishing A Semi-Closed Primary Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 116:055 is amended to read as follows: (1) Before a person shall be qualified to vote in a primary, he or she: (a) Shall possess all the qualifications required of voters in a regular election; (b) Shall have been a registered member of the party in whose primary he or she seeks to vote on December 31 immediately preceding the primary; or (c) Shall be registered as an independent voter and indicate upon voting which ballot, either Republican or Democrat, they will be voting on (2) The qualifications shall be determined as of the date of the primary, without regard to the qualifications or disqualifications as they may exist at the succeeding regular election, except that minors seventeen (17) years of age who will become eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the regular election shall be entitled to vote in the primary if otherwise qualified. However, any registered voter, whether registered as a member of a party, political organization, political group, or as an independent, shall be qualified to vote in a primary for candidates listed in all nonpartisan races

Section 2: By current law, Kentucky has closed party primary elections. You must register as a Democrat or Republican to vote in either party's primary election. If you choose to register or designate independent status, you are not eligible to vote in Republican or Democrat party primary elections. We propose that Kentucky adopt semi-closed party primary elections where voters registered as independent may vote for Democrat or Republican candidates, indicated by the ballot they choose upon voting. Voters registered as Democrat or Republican can not switch to another party's ballot.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW24 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 2 |
| Sponsors: Jake Hamill, | Carly Graves, Emily Jones, Mattie Pettit | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham | HS | House | Senate |
| City: Crestwood | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating to Limiting State Congressional Terms Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 6.651 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Members of both the house and senate can serve only 12 years. Members may not run for the opposite body (House or Senate) once they serve their 12 years.

Section 2: This bill requires members of both the House and Senate to leave office after serving 12 years. Therefore members of the House could serve six 2 year terms and members of the Senate could serve three 4 year terms. Members may not run for the opposite body (House or Senate) once they reach their 12 years

Section 3: Current members of the House and Senate will not be forced to leave office immediately if they have been serving for over 12 years, but they will not be allowed to run again after this bill is enacted.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW25 | |
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| Sponsors: Kaylee Kronenthal, Layne West, Heidi Peters Peters, Grace Day | | Action o | n the Bill |
| School: South Oldham | HS | House | Senate |
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| City: Crestwood | | Defeated | Defeated |

An Act Relating To Restricting Police Chases In Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Police Officers can only participate in a high-speed chase and/or follow a suspect in a car if that suspect is believed to be involved in a violent felony. (2) The pursuit of the chase is only justified if the necessity of the chase outweighs the dangers created by the offender.

Section 2: There is no statewide law in Kentucky pertaining to police chases, each county and/or department is responsible for their law.

Section 3: Officers who violate these vehicle pursuit guidelines will be put on probation from the workforce for one (1) year and be required to retake the NPOST (National Police Officer Selection Test) exam. If officers violate the guidelines more than once they will be demoted to a lower level of authority.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW26 | |
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| | | Referred to Sena | Committee: te 2 |
| Sponsors: Madeline Carrico, Stella Bower | | Action on the Bill | |
| School: West Jessamine HS | | House | Senate |
| City: Nicholasville | | □ Passed □ Defeated | □ Passed □ Defeated |

An Act Relating To Medical Education Classes within Kentucky High 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 existing health programs within public schools shall add CPR training to their curriculum (2) All existing health programs within public schools shall add First-Aid Training to their curriculum.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All current health teachers must, if not already, be certified to teach CPR. (2) All current health teachers must, if not already, be certified to teach First-Aid.

Section 3: (1). A \$2,000,000 fund will be added to the Department of Education General Budget for the purposes of this CPR/First-Aid Certification Program. (2). This fund will be renewed every two years to replenish any used equipment and fund teacher training.

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



| the | KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW27 | |
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| Sponsors: Ashlee Bassu, Harper Mann, Mitchell Prewett, Sophia Bryan | | Action on the Bill | |
| School: Williamstown Sr. HS | | House | Senate |
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| City: Williamstown | Defeated | Defeated | |

An Act Relating To Mental Health Evaluations Being Required for Driving Licensure Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Concerned of the increasing rates of intentional car crashes,

Section 2: IN ADDITION TO KRS 186.570 WHICH REQUIRES THE TRANSPORTATION CABINET TO WITHHOLD DRIVING PRIVILEGES FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL CONDITION THAT MAKES IT UNSAFE TO DRIVE UPON THE HIGHWAYS, this bill will require a person(s) to take a psychiatric evaluation when getting a license and every 8 years during renewal.

Section 3: Currently, 13% of the suicide mortality rate in Kentucky involves motor vehicles, adding to the high amount of Kentucky's suicide rate which is already the 20th highest in the nation. This suicide rate has been increasing annually over the last 15 years.

Section 4: This bill will be in full effect by January 31, 2032. During the 8 years prior the psychiatric evaluations will be required to be taken as part of the initial testing or renewal process.