the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG 1	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Allie Doran,	Elle Reynolds, Callie Richey, Mackenzie Simmons	Action o	n the Bill
School: Drakes Creek M	IS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship Funding via Sports Betting
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) 5% of tax revenue
5	generated from all legal sports betting programs in Kentucky will be allocated to help provide additional
6	funding to the KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship) Program.
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8	Section 2: Increase the amount of KEES award per eligible student by 5% to offset the increase in tuition
9	costs across the state.
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11	Section 3: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2024.
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13	Section 4: This bill will be enforced by The Department of Revenue.
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15	Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG2	
		Referred to Sena t	
Sponsors: Brennon Burns, Karver Decker, Roger Pierce, Hayden Hodges		Action o	n the Bill
School: Grayson Co. MS	5	House	Senate
City: Leitchfield		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To An act to require a one time fingerprint for individuals applying for or renewing a KY

2	driver's license.
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
4 5	Section 1: In 2021, the unsolved crime rate in Kentucky was 65%. This means that more than half of the crimes
6	committed in our state were unsolved. By requiring a one time fingerprint for individuals applying for or renewing
7	a Kentucky driver's license, this rate could be drastically reduced. Fingerprint for individuals apprying for or renewing
8	Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System or IAFIS. For example, when Colorado began using IAFIS,
9	their unsolved crime rates dropped to 13.4% in 2019. In addition to Colorado, the states of California, Texas, and
10	Georgia are also using the system and have seen drastic reductions in unsolved crimes.
11	deorgia are also using the system and have seen drastic reductions in ansolved chines.
12	Section 2: By requiring a one time fingerprint for individuals applying for or renewing a KY driver's license,
13	everyone 16 years of age or older with a KY driver's license will be in the IAFIS system. The only people who will
14	have access to this are local state and federal government agencies. Currently, the primary reason for an
15	individual's fingerprint to be in IAFIS is due to an individual being arrested. Certain employers also require
16	fingerprints and background checks before a person begins employment. Everyone knows that it is possible for
17	someone new to commit a crime. That is why more people in the system in Kentucky means that investigating
18	agencies and law enforcement may be able to find criminals much easier and also identify people much more
19	effectively. This helps investigators track criminals' records, and gives aid to sentencing.
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21	Section 3: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Division of Driver Licensing Regional Office will be responsible for
22	taking fingerprints. Each regional office will be responsible for sending people to be trained properly on how to
23	take fingerprints and how to use the new software. The people trained will be state employees and work under
24	the Cabinet of Transportation. Individuals within each regional office will be responsible for obtaining and
25	uploading the fingerprint as well as the other government forms of identification that are already required.
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27	Section 4: IAFIS is currently used by the FBI and offers free training on installing the software and free training on
28	teaching personnel how to use it. IAFIS is a free software program that can be installed to almost any computer.
29	The program is used for background checks for job applicants, obtaining criminal records, identification of
30	unknown deceased persons, and helping to solve other crimes.

32 Section 5: Each (regional office) will have 1 year to install and train personnel to work IAFIS. Regional offices will

- begin using the IAFIS as soon as it is installed and running. Let?s help make Kentucky a leader and encourage
- 34 other states to follow us in this effort to help protect identity and possibly reduce the number of unsolved crimes.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG3	
		Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors : brenda santossantiago, Casey Hodes, Hunter Lott, malachi McDowell		Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	North MS	House	Senate
City: Henderson		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Number of Mental Health Counselors in Schools
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: At least one in six children from the ages of 7–16 have a probable mental health disorder. This bill
5	proposes that a school should have one mental health counselor per 250 students, which will allow for
6	mental health services to be more available to students in need. It will also be a way to eliminate the stress
7	that is placed on one mental health counselor and the possibility of a serious situation from being
8	overlooked.
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10	Section 2: If a school does not adhere to this law, the state will appoint a mental health counselor until the
11	school finds one of its own. This will eliminate any additional types of fines that a school would have to pay.
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13	Section 3: Enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.
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15	Section 4: Will be put into place during the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG4	
		Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Emma Wilkin	s, Hazel Malin, Meredith Calhoun, Mya Bell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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An Act Relating To Reduced Emergency Hospital Services for Low-income Families Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Costs of Emergency Room visits can reach over \$1,700, a price many Kentuckians simply cannot
afford. Add to it the average ambulance cost of \$15 per mile, along with the price of the equipment needed
to keep you in a stable condition, and you have a price considered unaffordable for many families.

8 Section 2: This act will be focused on lowering the emergency healthcare cost for low income families. Many 9 families in Kentucky cannot afford to pay ambulance and emergency room bills. This causes them not to get 10 appropriate healthcare, because they're unable to pay the cost, and could be in debt due to a simple health 11 screening or emergency room visit.

Section 3: To provide for this bill, we will raise the price of tobacco products and e-cigarettes. We will raise the cost of tobacco products by 2 cents. For e-cigarettes, it will raise the cost by 20 cents per cartridge. All of the tax from e-cigarettes and tobacco products will go to emergency healthcare.

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Section 4: This bill will affect all people, however the cost will be lowered by 10% increments, for people who
make lower that \$60,000 per every \$10,000 lower. Anything above \$60,00 will be only lowered by 15%.
While directed toward those families with a low income, all families will benefit from this bill. The bill will
focus on ambulance payment first, because medical insurance covers this less, then emergency room visits.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG5	
		Referred to Senat	
Sponsors : Valerie Salcedo Cachu, Caeli Baker-Green, Elliott Estes, Keren Brown		Action or	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Lower the Cost of Mental Health Therapy in Kentucky
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill will improve access to mental health therapy for low-income citizens of Kentucky. This bill
5	lowers the cost of therapy in Kentucky from an average of \$160 per hour to \$55.
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7	Section 2: Over 35% of adults in Kentucky report needing therapy but not being able to afford it. Meanwhile,
8	nearly 40% of uninsured adults in Kentucky say that therapy is too expensive.
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10	Section 3: Funding for this program will come from an increase in the state gambling tax which will increase
11	overall from 9% to 15%. 5.75% of the overall gambling tax will be applied to low–income patients.
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13	Section 4: This law will go into effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG6	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Leila Benton, Lily Corfman, Marie Cunningham, Lainey Hall		Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Enacting Better Maternity Leave
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This Bill indicates that all Women in the workforce, no matter their job, get a 12 week maternity
5	leave for a natural birth and women who have a C-section get a 14 week leave with a 75% pay. This Bill was
6	created because not all women got a built in maternity leave or they went on unpaid leave.
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8	Section 2: This Bill affects all women with a job that are pregnant, get a 12 or 14 week leave depending on
9	birth and can use the leave before or after the birth. An example for a natural birth would be 2 weeks before
10	birth and 10 weeks after the birth.
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12	Section 3: This Bill also indicates that all women get 75% of their paycheck during their whole pregnancy
13	leave so they won?t have to use their sick days.
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15	Section 4: The previous bill stated that a woman who has a natural birth is entitled to 6 weeks of unpaid
16	leave. Women who have a cesarean section (C-section) are entitled to 8 weeks of unpaid labor. Although
17	women are allowed to take sick days as their maternity leave in order for them to get paid.
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19	Section 5: Our new bill states that women get 12 weeks of paid maternity leave with a natural birth and
20	women who birthed via C-section get 14 weeks of paid maternity leave.
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22	Section 6: This bill will help women support their children and make sure they have everything they need to
23	care for their child and the money for this bill would be provided by 75% of women's normal pay.
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25	Section 7: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG7	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Kylie Davis, Fenley Jenkins, Ella Swan, Byanka Friedman		Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Funding Solar Panels for Low-income Households
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill requires that low-income households have the option to receive free or discounted solar
5	panels, funded by the government, from Kentucky's main Solar Panel company.
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7	Section 2: Currently Kentucky's main solar panel company (Sunpower) only powers 2,770 houses in
8	Kentucky. Our bill would double this number over the course of 10 years by adding solar panels to 270
9	houses annually.
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11	Section 3: This will not only help the environment, but it will help Kentucky's low-income citizens to save a lot
12	of money. This bill will also benefit SunPower by increasing its funds.
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14	Section 4: According to the US census, a household is either considered extremely low income, or low
15	income. Extremely low-income citizens would be first priority in receiving solar panels since they need the
16	most financial aid.
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18	Section 5: This bill will be funded by the money the government makes off of gambling. Thirty Five Percent of
19	gambling money will be devoted towards solar panels, thirty percent for installation and 5 for maintenance.
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21	Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG8	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Isaac Hackba	art, Anderson Stone, Carter Johnston, Max Grooms	Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Lowering the Costs of Medication Devices
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: All medical equipment bought by a patient for personal use will be exempt from state sales tax in
5	the state of Kentucky. But businesses will still have to pay the state sales tax. All person(s) are eligible to
6	receive Medicaid for free or at low costs which will provide \$2,000 for medical needs, such as personal
7	medical equipment for a NEED.
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9	Section 2: At most, medical equipment can be 3 times its production value. If any manufacturing company
10	refuses to abide by this, the government will raise their state sales tax from 6.00 to 10.00 percent.
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12	Section 3: It costs \$30 to make an EpiPen, it costs \$600-\$750 to buy. 315,650 (7% of Kentucky) people
13	have no healthcare insurance in Kentucky. So all those people will have to pay full price and they may not be
14	able to afford the personal medical equipment.
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16	Section 4: Our bill will be sponsored by grants provided by pharmaceutical companies that produce Epipens.
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18	Section 5: This Act will go into effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG9	
		Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Amira Rafia, Scarlett Lunsford, Eileen Bates		Action o	n the Bill
School: Royal Spring MS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Food Insecurity
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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6	Section 2: Many children are not getting enough food and legislation to provide free breakfast, lunch, and
7	supper to all school-aged children, regardless of income, is needed to correct this problem. KRS 702 KAR
8	6:050 is amended to read as follows: Breakfast, lunch, and supper will be available for all children without
9	cost regardless of ability to pay. Schools will make complete meals, cold or hot, for children and size it so
10	that it will give about of the nutrients required.
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12	Section 3: The cost for this bill to take place would be around 2.8 million dollars, which when you look at it
13	isn?t that much considering the revenue that Kentucky gets is much more than that, less than 0.01% of
14	Kentucky revenue. This means that all we really to do is ask the state legislative body for the needed money.
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16 Section 4: This Act takes effect August 1, 2024 (later than 90 days)

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG10	
		Referred to Senat	
Sponsors: Ainsleigh Hackney, Izzy Long, Cora Fortener, Weston Smith		Action or	n the Bill
School: South Hopkins MS		House	Senate
City: Nortonville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1 2	AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
3 4	Be it enacted by the Fourn Assembly of the commonwealth of Kentucky
5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: [1] The Kentucky
6	Public Schools Mental Health Counseling Program (KCP) is hereby established to place a qualified school
7	counselor in each public school within the state. [2] The program shall be funded by the state government
8	through appropriations in the annual budget. [3] For taxable years beginning on or after 2025, an additional
9	income tax of 1% shall be imposed on taxpayers with an annual income exceeding \$75,000. [4] Funds
10	collected from the tax would be appropriated to the implementation of this program. [5] Each school
11	counselor employed under this program shall receive an annual salary of \$48,000, the state will also cover
12	the counselor's enrollment in the school district's standard benefits package. [6] School counselors employed
13	under the Kentucky Public Schools Mental Health Counseling Program (KCP) shall be considered eligible
14	participants in the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System (KTRS). Employment under this program shall be
15	treated on par with teaching positions for the purposes of retirement benefits, subject to the existing
16	provisions and eligibility criteria outlined in the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System. [7] The program shall
17	allocate an annual budget of \$4,000 per counselor for curriculum, events, and supplies. [8] The program shall
18	cover the cost of annual professional development requirements for each counselor, not to exceed \$18,000
19	per counselor annually. [9] School counselors must hold a master's degree in counseling to qualify for
20	employment in the program. [10] Preferred qualifications also include a minimum of three years of
21	counseling experience and professional practicum hours in a school setting. [11] The Kentucky School
22	Counselor Program shall be fully implemented no later than the 2028 academic year.
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24	Section 2: (a) The Kentucky Standard Assessment (KSA) scores shall serve as a primary indicator of the
25	success of the Kentucky Public Schools Mental Health Counseling Program. (b) The Kentucky Department of
26	Education shall annually assess and report on the impact of school counselors on student academic
27	achievement and well-being.
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29	Section 3: If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the
30	invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the
31	invalid provision or application.
32	Section 4. This Act shall take offect July 2024

33 Section 4: This Act shall take effect July 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG11	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Anelise Wagner, Anthu Nguyen, Elizabeth Essler-Mollohan		Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and Paul ES – Hopkinsville		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Requiring an Emergency Guardian Appointment at Time of Birth
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 213.046 is created to read as follows. After childbirth, the
5	mother will be required to complete a form designating an emergency guardian in the case of the death of
6	the infant's parents before being discharged from the hospital.
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0	Continue 2. This parts will take affect language 1, 2025

8 Section 2: This act will take effect January 1, 2025

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG12	
		Referred to Sena	•
Sponsors: Chloe Bradshaw, Kelsea Young		Action o	n the Bill
School: Warren East MS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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An Act Relating To Increase Benefits for First Responders Who Return to Service Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: All first responders who return to work from retirement that are injured in the line of duty will be
covered under long term disability insurance (2) All first responders who return to work from retirement will
be entitled to any other benefits that non retired first responders receive.

8 Section 2: First responders will include but not be limited to local police officers, fire fighters, as well as state 9 police. Any other responders who may face danger in the line of duty should also be considered.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG13	
		Referred to Senat	
Sponsors: Cosette Jaco	obson, Julia Baker, Miranda Fan, Zoe Kasacavage	Action or	າ the Bill
School: Winburn MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated	🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated

An Act Relating To Minimum Wage of Workers in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

3 Section 1: KRS CHAPTER 337.275 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Except as may otherwise be 4 5 provided by this chapter, every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate of not less than 6 ten dollars and forty-five cents (\$10.45) an hour beginning on June 26, 2024, not less than thirteen dollars 7 and sixty-five cents (\$13.65) an hour beginning July 1, 2025, and not less than seventeen dollars (\$17) an hour starting July 1, 2026. Suppose the federal minimum hourly wage as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. sec. 8 9 206(a)(1) is increased more than the minimum wage under this subsection. In that case, the minimum hourly wage under this subsection shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the federal 10 minimum hourly wage rate. Suppose the state minimum hourly wage is raised to the federal minimum hourly 11 12 wage. In that case, it shall include only the federal minimum hourly rate prescribed in 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) 13 and shall not include other wage rates or conditions, exclusions, or exceptions to the federal minimum hourly wage rate. In addition, the federal minimum hourly wage rate increase does not extend or modify the scope 14 15 or coverage of the minimum wage rate required under this chapter. 16

17 Section 2: Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, for any employee engaged in an 18 occupation in which he customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$100) per month in tips from patrons or others, the employer may pay as a minimum not less than four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) 19 20 an hour beginning June 26, 2024, and not less than six dollars (\$6) an hour starting July 1, 2025. The employer shall establish by his records that for each week where credit is taken, when adding tips received 21 22 to wages paid, not less than the minimum rate prescribed in 29 U.S.C. sec. 203 was received by the 23 employee. No employer shall use all or part of any tips or gratuities received by employees toward the 24 payment of the statutory minimum hourly wage as required by 29 U.S.C. sec. 203. Nothing, however, shall 25 prevent employees from entering into an agreement to divide tips or gratuities among themselves.

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27 Section 3: Any statute contradicting this bill shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG14	
		Referred to Hous	_
Sponsors: Maren Hoffn	nan, Maris Godbey, Lottie Sykes, Reilly Dalton	Action or	n the Bill
School: Winburn MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to create housing for the homeless by repurposing parks and other
state-owned land. We will be building multi-family homes, with a condition of occupancy being that they
maintain the homes pursuant to a contract created by the facility. The Kentucky Housing Corporation Balance of State Continuum of Care (KHC) will oversee and manage the properties.

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9 Section 2: This bill will increase the KHC's operating budget from \$10.9 million to \$16.1 million. The
 10 additional funds will allow the KHC to meet the objectives from section 1. The KHC?s current funding is from

11 nonprofit providers and state/local governments. This bill will add to the funding by taxing cigarettes at a

12 27% rate.

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14 Section 3: To qualify for housing, you must not be an individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and

adequate nighttime residence, as well as making 13,000 dollars a year or less. Exceptions will be considered.

16 There will be supports in place to help people in housing get jobs, to eventually move out and buy their own

17 property.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG15	
the		Referred to Hous	•
Sponsors: Natalie Hayes, Scarlett Burke, Vincent Eyermann, Marlon Goldman		Action o	n the Bill
School: Ashland MS		House	Senate
City: Ashland			🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated

1 2	An Act Relating To Purchasing Firearms Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Before selling
5	a firearm, the seller must perform a background check on the buyer, or buyer must provide background
6	check, at gun shows and in private sales .
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG16	
the state of the s			Committee: I te 1
Sponsors: Andy Ballard, Alex Walsh, Piper Dickerson, Ortencia Roblero Perez		Action c	on the Bill
School: Bardstown MS		House	Senate
City: Bardstown		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To require all Kentucky students to take a foreign language every year Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

- Section 1: One of every five homes in America speak a language other than English. We can improve our
 communication with other countries and even citizens of America by giving all Kentucky students a better
 understanding of our peers.
- Section 2: Because the world functions economically as one, it is critical that more people learn the common
 languages of the world. Studies show that learning a second language should start before the age of ten. By
 implementing this bill, students would begin at age five (kindergarten) and would receive instruction daily.
 The likelihood of them retaining the language is much higher.
- Section 3: The available languages that would be mandatory for this law would be Chinese, Spanish, French,
 Japanese, and American Sign Language. These are the top languages in the world and within the global
 economy. Availability of these languages would vary depending on resources the school/district has
 available.
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- Section 4: Mandating foreign language will require schools to staff these positions, but some costs may be
 saved due to online programs and content/related arts teachers teaching at the lower primary levels.
 Students will develop a skill set that will give them an advantage in the world of work and travel. We will
 have better trade and more jobs which will lower the unemployment rate and increase overall benefits for
- 22 Kentucky citizens.
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- 24 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2024.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG18	
the		Referred to Senat	
Sponsors: Alivia Rojas, Mason Raikes, Arianna Garcia, Serenity Martin		Action or	n the Bill
School: Flaherty ES		House	Senate
City: Ekron		Passed Defeated	🗆 Passed 🗋 Defeated

An Act Relating To Strengthening Penalties for Fraudulent Service Dog Ownership in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill states that any person found guilty of fraudulent dog ownership will be charged with a
penalty of one of the following: A) A Class C Misdemeanor which will create a record to follow the offendor;
this will allow the courts to determine if they will be able to own another service dog within a specified time
period. B) Offenders will pay no less than \$1,000 plus community service time determined by the court.

- 9 Section 2: Any items or services received above \$1,000 due to ownership of a fraudulent service dog will be 10 assessed fines to pay any services rendered.
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Section 3: Any person who does not legally hold proof of verification of a service dog and/or qualification for
 a service dog, such as a disability or other various illnesses, will be investigated by the court system or
 qovernment official to be punished by either option from Section 1.

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

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18 Section 5: This bill will be funded by local or state government officials.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG19	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Elizabeth Ashby, Kennedy Beshear, Ella Kirkwood		Action o	n the Bill
School: James Madison MS		House	Senate
City: Madisonville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Allowing middle schoolers (6–8) to Have physical/mental break in school day.
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Presently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, there isn't a law for middle schoolers to have
5	mental/physical breaks during school.
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7	Section 2: To mandate a 10-15 minute break to all middle school students in the Commonwealth of
8	Kentucky.
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10	Section 3: There is no cost for this bill.
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12	Section 4: Schools can decide how teachers take a rotation to watch kids.
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14	Section 5: Schools are not allowed to take this break from students as a punishment.
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16 Section 6: Bill will take effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG20	
		Referred to Sena t	
Sponsors: Nylah Fowler, Grace Levine		Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colleg	iate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An act to feed the homeless population of Kentucky
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Right now there are over 6,000 people homeless in Kentucky which is .14% of the population. The
amount of homeless is growing quickly. In 2018, 7,572 people were homeless, in 2019, 8,745 were
homeless, in 2020, 9,693 people were homeless and in 2021, 10,640 people were homeless. Homelessness
is a big problem and is growing fast and here's how we can help.

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Section 2: Our bill is about feeding the homeless while at the same time lessening food waste. ~ 1?2 Of
leftover untampered with and still edible food from farmers' markets, grocery stores, and restaurants will be
donated to homeless shelters. Once the food is delivered to the homeless shelters, volunteers can then
deliver the food and produce to homeless camps and possibly even others on the streets. Then all of the

13 food distributors will benefit by having a 25% tax cut from their state taxes.

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15 Section 3: Kentucky doesn't give its homeless people many rights. A law was recently passed to give

16 homeless people easier access to IDs, but there?s a long way to go. Our shelters are very low quality

17 (although most in the U.S.A. are) and we make it hard for them to get jobs and other important things. Every

18 day there are people on the streets with no food. They can survive with no shelter but food is a must-have.

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20 Section 4: Our law would be about benefiting the businesses that decide and choose to donate to homeless

shelters. ~ of leftover food and would be given to those who need it. The benefits for the food

distributors/food givers would be given a 25% tax cut and the joy of helping others.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG21	
the		Referred to (House	
Sponsors : Cara Yao, Calissa Yao, Evie Ewen		Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Collec	jiate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act to Reduce Radon Poisoning
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Radon is a naturally occurring gas, made from decaying uranium. It is invisible, odorless, and
tasteless, making it difficult to know it exists until it is too late. When you inhale radon, radioactive particles
are trapped in your lungs. The class A Carcinogen can affect anyone's home, new or old, with or without a
basement. Only five states in the United States require radon testing in high-priority buildings, Kentucky not
being one of them, even though the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon causes 21,000

9 deaths a year. Kentucky holds the 6th highest radon level in the United States.

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Section 2: Kentucky law already has required disclosure of radon amounts since 2018. If the test is above 4.0 pico/curries (the EPA's recommendation for the highest amount of radon), it is strongly encouraged that a mitigation system is installed. However, radon information is in fine print and rarely brought up. This would lead many people to believe that radon is an insignificant factor when it comes to health and safety; when in reality, it is the second main cause of lung cancer in the United States. Most states require radon disclosure when you sell your home. Only four states, Kentucky not being one of them, require landlords to alert tenants about radon levels.

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19 Section 3: We propose mandatory installations of a permanent radon monitoring system. If the reading of

radon levels has a yearly average of more than 1 PiCu/L over 4PiCu/L, the healthy radon amount, for more
 than two years, Kentucky will pay for the installation of radon mitigation. Some insurance, however, already

22 covers this cost. Furthermore, this bill will make it mandatory to bring spoken attention to radon levels in the

22 covers this cost. Full thermore, this bill will make it manualory to bring spoken attention to radon levels in the 23 selling of a home. This way, more people will understand the severe consequences of excess radon and will

24 be more apt to take care of any difficulties created by life-threatening radon.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG22	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Hendrix Graham, Bentley Forman, Kelly Brown, Sarah Gilley		Action o	n the Bill
School: Metcalfe Co. M	S	House	Senate
City: Edmonton		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Mandatory Drug Testing for Kentucky Student Athletes.
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: More than half of student athletes nationawide admit to using drugs, tobacco or alcohol while
5	participating in sports. All of these substances impact the health and safety of those using them. The
6	passing of this bill will require all student althletes in the state of Kentucky, grades 6–12 to submit to
7	mandatory and random drug testing.
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9	Section 2: Drug tests per students would have a cost between \$30 and \$60. Funding would be covered
10	through the school's athletic department funds or out of pocket cost to the parent/guardian.
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12 Section 3: Upon passing this bill would becaome effective at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG23	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Carter Ashcraft, Kendall Kohler, Eli Kramer, Brynlee Whiidby		Action o	n the Bill
School: Notre Dame Ac	ademy ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To the Requirement of Mandatory Drivers Education in High Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In 1 of every 4 crashes, teens drivers with underage drunk driving are involved. Over 10,000 Americans are killed by drunk drivers, with 1,000 of those being children. In the past ten years, there have been over 11,000 deaths per year due to drunk driving. As of 2023, 37 people die everyday due to impaired driving. That?s one death every 39 minutes. The purpose of this act is to enhance the safety and education of young drivers by requiring high schools to provide wide-spread drivers education courses as part of their curriculum. This will promote responsible driving habits among high school students, leading to safer roadways and a reduction in traffic accidents. This will also prevent impaired driving and the damage caused.

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Section 2: All public and private high schools within the state shall offer a drivers education program as part of their curriculum. "Drivers Education" refers to a program or course of study that provides instruction on traffic rules, safe driving practices, and the rules of the road. Programs such as Health Smart Virginia are free and full of resources. The drivers education program shall include, but not be limited to, instruction on traffic laws, road signs, defensive driving techniques, safe vehicle operation, the dangers of impaired and distracted driving, and the importance of responsible behavior on the road.

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Section 3: All students attending high school in the state shall be eligible to enroll in the drivers educationprogram.

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Section 4: The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Motor Vehicles, shall establish guidelines for the implementation and administration of the drivers education program, including the qualifications of instructors, assessment methods, and the allocation of resources. Health Smart Virginia curriculum is free and available for use.

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Section 5: High schools shall set aside resources for the drivers education program from their existing budgets.
Additional funding may be sought through state or federal grants and partnerships with private organizations.

Section 6: High schools failing to accomplish the requirements of this act may be subject to penalties or sanctions,
as determined by the State Department of Education. * First offense results in a probationary status of one school
year in which the school will put the drivers education program in place. * Second offense results in a \$10,000
fine and one school year for the school to put the driver?s education program in place. * Third offense will result
in the school losing its accreditation.

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36 Section 7: This law shall become effective in June 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG24	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Jackson price, Addi Addison, Charley Ditsler		Action o	n the Bill
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Powered Watercraft Operator's License Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Any adult who is 18 or older that operates and/or operates a powered watercraft with more than 10 horsepower will be required to get an operators license. The operator's license must be in possession of the operator and owner of a powered watercraft. Personal powered watercraft operators must be 14 or older and have a Kentucky Boating Education Certificate (Blue Card). Definitions: An operator is someone who is steering the powered watercraft. Owner is the person that owns the powered watercraft. Powered watercraft is any watercraft with an engine above 10 horsepower.

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Section 2: Completion and certification from a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife approved powered watercraft safety and operating course, an online or written exam, and a powered watercraft operating test on the water is required. The operator test will be on the water and conducted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. The State of Kentucky license will last for five years and cost fifty dollars. It can be renewed every 5 years for \$50. An online refresher course certificate from a state approved organization will be necessary for a renewal.

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18 Section 3: Fines for violations: The operator holding the license and/or owning the powered watercraft is 19 responsible for the boat and everyone on it. Therefore, all fines and consequences will be on the 20 operator/owner of the powered watercraft. All fines given in a calendar year are cumulative and reset every January 1st. First Offense: An unlicensed powered watercraft operator/owner steering the powered 21 22 watercraft: First offense will be one hundred dollars paid by the licensed power boat operator. Second 23 Offense: A repeat of the first offense will bring a fine of two hundred fifty dollars and suspension of the 24 operators license for 1 year. Third Offense: Five hundred dollars and the license will be revoked and require all of the tests needed to get your license in the first place. Fourth Offense: Seven Hundred dollars and a 25 26 permanent ban of the powered watercraft license.

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- 28 Section 4: The bill will go into effect on January 1st 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG25	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Ashley Wagner, Eila Perrin, Kate Watson, None Maftoum		Action o	n the Bill
School: Sayre School MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Youths of a Certain Age Having a Voice in Custody Arrangements Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Children eleven years old and older should get a say in custody arrangements during legal proceedings and mediations.

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Section 2: Types of custody arrangements in Kentucky include joint custody or sole custody. These

8 agreements can be applied to both physical and legal custody. Physical custody refers to the day-to-day

9 care of the child, and legal custody refers to the important decision making for the child.

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11 Section 3: Currently in the state of Kentucky, there is no specified age in which a child has a choice in

custody arrangements. Instead, individual judges make assumptions based on brief encounters of how
 mature a child is when deciding whether or not they get a voice in the custody agreement. The judge also

14 considers other factors when deciding custody, including the relationship the child has with their parents or

15 guardian, and the influence a parent has over the child (or their motivations in the proceedings). Also under 16 consideration are the mental and physical health of all individuals involved. Parents always have the right to

17 speak in court custody proceedings, whereas children do not. The current situation is problematic since it is

18 not legally required for judges to consider the opinion of youth, and these children are arguably the most

19 affected by the agreements. Children ages eleven years old and older should always be given the opportunity

- 20 if they so choose to speak in court.
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22 Section 4: This Act takes effect in January of 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG26	
		Referred to Sena t	
Sponsors : Grayson McI Cox	Laughlin, Charlotte Wright, Laura Newton, Jameson	Action or	n the Bill
School: Sayre School M	S	House	Senate
City: Lexington		🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Vape Detectors in all Public High School Bathrooms and Classrooms. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

4 Section 1: Vaping is a significant problem in schools in Kentucky. More than 25% of Kentucky high schoolers 5 admit to vaping. Requiring vape detectors in high school bathrooms and classrooms will reduce the 6 incidences of vaping in school.

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8 Section 2: The age that people are legally allowed to start vaping is 21, but, unfortunately, statistics show 9 that kids usually start vaping between the ages of eleven and fourteen, making this an issue for Kentucky's student population. Vaping causes serious health issues. This bill will not only prevent Kentucky students 10 from vaping at school, it will prevent others from getting secondhand exposure. A person encountering 11 12 secondhand vape can inhale cancerous chemicals. Vapes can include dangerous chemicals, including acrolein, 13 a weed killer. Vaping can cause depression and anxiety. Vaping during the school day can cause tiredness 14 and inattention. Secondhand vape exposure can cause bronchitis symptoms and shortness of breath. If 15 students vape in a bathroom with a vent, the vapor can get into the HVAC system and cause poor air quality for the entire school. It is worth investing in detectors now so that schools don't have to replace an HVAC 16 17 system down the road.

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19 Section 3: It will cost approximately six million dollars to install vape detectors in all Kentucky high school 20 bathrooms and classrooms, but the cost will be covered by settlement money from Juul. Juul lost a lawsuit 21 related to them having marketed their vapes with flavors such as mint, mango, lemon, strawberry, raspberry, 22 orange, candy, and many others that seemed to target adolescents. Juul is splitting 435 million dollars over

23 36 states, including Kentucky. This money will pay for our vape detectors.

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25 Section 4: This will be enacted in January of 2024.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG27	
the		Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Caroline Edg	e, Quay Ballert, Chloe Florence, Leif Bailey	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sayre School M	S	House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Suicide Prevention Screening in Schools
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: All schools in Kentucky will be required to perform an annual mental health screening for children
5	in fifth through twelfth grades.
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7	Section 2: Sucide is the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults in Kentucky. Fifteen
8	percent of high schoolers have seriously considered suicide in the last year. Moreover, twenty percent of
9	middle school students in Kentucky have reported suicidal thoughts in a twelve-month period.
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11	Section 3: A suicide prevention screening will help school counselors determine who is having suicidal
12	thoughts, and get the students the help they need.
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14	Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG28	
		Referred to C Senate	
Sponsors: Charlie Vincent, Jackson Rowe, Yashmit Sadhir		Action on	the Bill
School: Tates Creek MS	i	House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1 2	An Act Relating To Creating a New Section of the Constitution of Kentucky Relating to Affordable Healthcare in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY READS
6	AS FOLLOWS: The United States of America is a capitalist country that gives rights to corporations and
7	companies that many others don't. This is greatly reflected in the healthcare system and insurance industry.
8	Hospitals are known for overcharging and insurance known for exploiting the customer, making healthcare
9	more of a privilege than a right. Insurance aims to make as much profit as possible. Pairing this with the fact
10	that they can choose what to cover causes the customer having to pay extreme amounts for both healthcare
11	and insurance when visiting the hospital. Due to rising drug costs, high employee salaries, and especially
12	profit-driven health centers, hospitals have to charge as much as possible to cover costs and, for 36.1% of
13	hospitals, make a profit. A conflict forms when the customer is unable to pay for the bill, this is when
14	insurance comes in; having the leverage to pay for whatever they want, and a desperate customer, unable to
15	pay. This happens to millions, if not tens of millions, of people every year. This is a large problem that needs
16	some solutions.
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18	Section 2: (1) All hospitals will give itemized bills to the customer. The customer will have 30 days to repeal
19	the bill they were given (3) We will implement a one payer system which is where only one person gets the
20	bill to reduce paperwork (4) We will increase taxes on higher income people and corporations (the top 3%
21	and large corporations worth over \$250,000,000) in order to afford the one payer system (5) Overcharging
22	or charging extra will be illegal (6) A portion of the charge will go to the state government to reduce costs
23	for people who need it (7) We will crack down on private insurance companies overcharging by sending the
24	bill to hospitals to review.
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26	Section 3: Penalties: If a hospital overcharges customers multiple times and the customer reports it to the
27	proper authorities then it will be considered a Class A misdemeanor. This includes punishments like fines (up
28	to \$100,000), and imprisonment for less than a year. This punishment will be inflicted upon the
29	owners/shareholders and the company.
30 24	Faction 4. This Act takes official 10 April 2024
31	Section 4: This Act takes effect 16 April 2024.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW 1	
the		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Haylee Martin, Katie Vaught, Kenzie Childress, Lily Cruse		Action o	n the Bill
School: Boston ES – Nelson Co.		House	Senate
City: Boston		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating to the Troubled Teen Industry
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill will discuss section KRS 509.040 on legal kidnapping.
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6	Section 2: This act seeks to make gooning illegal in Kentucky for parents or guardians to arrange and pay for
7	the Troubled Teen Industry to kidnap their own children as a mental health treatment strategy. This is
8	defined as gooning.
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10	Section 3: Gooning is a form of legal kidnapping where parents hire and sign contracts for rehabilitation
11	facilities to come and kidnap their children. Adding a new section to KRS 509.040 would stop this problem
12	from occurring and make it illegal in the state of Kentucky.
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14	Section 4: This will be adding section 3 to KRS 509.040. about legal kidnapping (Gooning). This section will
15	make gooning prohibited in the state of Kentucky.
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17	Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st of 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW2	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Lexi Galloway, Callie Lattimer, Carter Meredith, Miles Williams		Action o	n the Bill
School: Drakes Creek M	S	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Non-Violent Crimes Being Expunged from Records on Twenty-Fifth Birthdays
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 431 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any person who
5	is convicted of a non-violent crime before their twenty-fifth birthday will have the crime expunged on said
6	birthday. (2) If the same crime has been committed more than once, it will not be expunged. (3) Only one
7	non-violent crime will be allowed on record in order to have expungement.
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9	Section 2: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2024
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11	Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW3	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Jenna Seiber	t, Madison Baxter, Levi Scott, Natalie Grant	Action o	n the Bill
School: Grayson Co. MS	5	House	Senate
City: Leitchfield		Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Abolishing the Parental Rights of Those Convicted of Sexual Assault to a Minor Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In Kentucky, an 8 year old child was sexually assaulted by their parent. The parent was charged with the crime, convicted by a jury, and sentenced to jail. After serving the sentence, the convicted felon was let out of jail and filed a petition to get shared custody of the child; the custody case ended with both parents getting shared custody. The child was in the ex-con's house with no other adult around, and got sexually assaulted 3 more times before informing the other parent what was happening. Is this really the type of environment we want for our kids? We want to ensure this will not happen to any other child in Kentucky.

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12 Section 2: Children will be defined as under the age of 18 years old and may include but not be limited to 13 biological, adopted, and step children. The purpose of this bill is to abolish the parental rights of those convicted of sexual assault. Parental rights may include but not be limited to, both legal and physical 14 15 custody. Legal custody is defined as having the right to make important decisions about the child. Physical custody is defined as where the child lives as well as the day to day care of the child. This includes if the 16 17 offender gets married and/or is in a relationship with someone who has children. The offender will not be 18 able to live in the same residence with any child. If the child that got assaulted wants to see the offender 19 there will only be supervised contact. The offender will only be allowed supervised visitation at the discretion 20 of the child.

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Section 3: Penalties for offenders that are found in parental care after completing sentencing includes but may not be limited to, the following; if the felon has been found in parental care of a child for a week to a month, there will be a fine of a minimum 10,000 dollars with 25 years in prison. If the time a child is in the perpetrators care exceeds one month the fine will be raised to 20,000 dollars and 30 years in prison. If the child is found harmed, the fine will be raised to a minimum of 50,000 and at least 45 years to life in prison depending on the degree of the abuse. All of these penalties will be explained and conditions of the assaulter?s probation.

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30 Section 4: In addition to the listed penalties, the sexual assaulter will be required to receive therapeutic

31 rehabilitation weekly for the entirety of the sentence. If the felon is released from prison they will be required

- to continue to attend therapeutic rehabilitation at least two times per month for a minimum of five years.
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- 34 Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately after being signed into law.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW4	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Maddox But	ler, Melissa Hedges, Zoie Pierre	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	North MS	House	Senate
City: Henderson		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Health Regulations in School Cafeterias
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section 1: In 2023 most Kentucky school cafeterias are inspected only twice a year. The health of students
in our commonwealth is the top priority. Schools need to have more frequent health inspections. With less
often occuring health inspections school cafeterias can get unsafe. Whether it's because the workers have

often occuring health inspections school cafeterias can get unsafe. Whether it's because the workers hav
less motivation to promote sanitation, or if they don't have the budget to maintain cleanliness. Around
16,000 students in the U.S. have getten siskness from school safeterin sleanliness.

8 16,000 students in the U.S. have gotten sickness from school cafeteria cleanliness.9

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to make it mandatory for all schools in the Kentucky Commonwealth to have kitchen and cafeteria health inspections every term and/or every nine weeks throughout the school year. Currently, school kitchens in Kentucky get health inspections about 2 times a year.

Section 3: If the total inspection score is below 85 points or if the inspector observes any critical violations, a follow-up inspection is required. These inspections can be done the same day or within 30 days. If the total inspection score is below 70, a conference with the Kentucky Department for Public Health may be necessary. The establishment may also be required to close if there is an imminent health threat.

- Section 4: The school will be fined \$200 and given 15 days if an inspection is missed. If the school doesn't
 do a kitchen health inspection the school will be shut down until an approved inspection is held and it is safe
 for students to be served from the school kitchen.
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- 23 Section 5: Enforced by the Kentucky Department of Labor
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- 25 Section 6: Will be put into place during the 2024–2025 school year

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW5	
the		Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Amelia Alber	s, Esmé Ertz, Lucy Russell, Parker Meeks	Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Providing Education in Schools on Sexual Assault and Harassment Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

3 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS All Kentucky public 4 5 and private schools will be required to educate students grades 3rd through 12th The option to opt out will 6 be allowed with written parent permission The program will be through three different videos for different 7 grades The 1st video will be for grades 3rd through 5th and will include information such as: how to set boundaries, and people to talk to about this at school and at home The 2nd video will be for grades 6th 8 9 through 8th and will include the same information as the 1st, definitions, and help numbers The 3rd video will be for grades 9th through 12th and will include the same information as the 1st and 2nd, possible 10 punishments, and what consent is. 11 12

Section 2: The school districts will receive a list of certified producers from the state to create a video for
 their district to use They should show videos before the end of first semester of school starting in 2025.

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

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW6	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors : Alejandro Pe Mason	rez Ocampo, Annamae Spencer, Allison Grout, Sylvia	Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To The Use of Atrazine on Kentucky Farms
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 224 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: [1] Kentucky farmers
5	running farms of 180 acres or more will not use the herbicide Atrazine on their farms. [2] Farmers found in
6	violation will be fined.
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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10	Section 3: Four times a year (every three months) all of the large farms in Kentucky near bodies of water
11	must submit a detailed report of their soil concentration and atrazine levels. Farms will then be randomly
12	selected for further inspection. If the inspector finds that the report was not accurate (or at least
13	approximate), the farms will be given a warning. If, on their next inspection, it is found that the farmer lied
14	again, they will be fined \$500. The inspectors will be volunteer interns majoring in subjects related to
15	agriculture from colleges near the farms.
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17	Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW7	
the		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Maylin Kidwell, Nora Knight		Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Coal Miner Benefits
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All mining companies will partner
5	with renewable energy companies to offer eco-friendly job choices to miners. (2) Wages will be matched or
6	increased following a change in employment.
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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10	Section 3: For any employers who fail to implement this system, a penalty of \$5,000 will be imposed, to
11	benefit the United States Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy.
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13	Section 4: Funding will be provided by the employers, and the United States Department of Energy, Office of
14	Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy.
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16	Section 5: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW8	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Carly Sanfor	d, Jillian Watkins, Samira Javed, Zoya Yazdanpanah	Action o	n the Bill
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Mental Evaluations for the Purchase of Firearms in Kentucky
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: In Kentucky more than 81% of deaths are caused by guns. This bill will require mental health
5	evaluations for anyone who wants to purchase a firearm. Renewal of their evaluation will be required every 6
6	months. The buyer of the gun shall get a state approved evaluation from a licensed physician. This
7	certification of mental stability will be required at the purchase of the gun along with a gun permit/license.
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9	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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11	Section 3: Funding for this bill will be provided by the person purchasing the gun. The price for a Mental
12	Health Evaluation will be \$100. Any person unwilling or unable to pay the fee may seek financial assistance if
13	it is found necessary that they have a gun.
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15	Section 4: If a gun vendor is found guilty of not requiring mental stability certifications at the purchase of a
16	gun, they will be issued a warning along with a \$200 fee. If the offense occurs again after a warning is given,
17	they will be tried in a court of law with a sentence of 5–7 years. If a person is found with a gun without an
18	up to date mental evaluation their gun will be seized unless they can prove stability.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW9	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors : Maddie Hake Smith	e, Connor Nelson, Rosa Bisotti, Blaze Southerland-	Action o	n the Bill
School: Royal Spring MS	5	House	Senate
City: Georgetown		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Commercial Breeding Regulations Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

3 4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 258 is created for the purpose of regulating commercial dog 5 breeding: Each breeding facility will be required to have a license and shall be required to meet the following 6 expectations: In order to allow proper healing, a female dog can be impregnated no more than two times per 7 year. Dogs being bred shall be between one and seven years of age. Commercial Breeders must have an 8 agreement with a veterinary clinic to oversee breeding, birthing, and general care and wellness. The housing 9 of each animal will be required to have a flat and solid bottom, wire bottoms or bottoms with holes are prohibited. Each enclosure will be permitted to have sizable spacing for the dog(s) within. Each animal should 10 be able to move freely, without struggle, while inside of the enclosure. Animals shall not be in a cage for 11 12 more than 50% of the time. The maximum number of dogs within each facility shall be set by the vet based 13 on availability of space within the breeding facility. Dogs that are under 6 months of age will be excluded 14 when tracking and counting the number of dogs. The capacity will be tracked with records of each dog on 15 site at the facility. 16

Section 2: Commercial breeders will be subject to scheduled and unscheduled state inspection 6 to 12 times per year. First violation of regulations will result in a \$250 fine and a warning of further consequences. The second violation will result in a \$500 fine and a very stern warning of further consequences. The third violation will result in loss of license.

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Section 3: Funding for inspections will be provided by a breeder licensing fee and fines. Any shortage in
 funding will be provided by the legislature.

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25 Section 4: This Act takes effect March 31, 2024.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW10	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Jasper Lee, Kole Knott, Will Lynch, Tori Cunningham		Action o	n the Bill
School: South Hopkins MS		House	Senate
City: Nortonville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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An Act Relating To Increasing Recreational Deer Hunting in Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

- Section 1: (a) The Legislature finds that the deer population in the state of Kentucky requires careful
 management to ensure ecological balance and to meet the needs of hunters and wildlife enthusiasts. (b) The
 purpose of this Act is to adjust certain provisions of the current hunting regulations to promote responsible
 deer management, enhance recreational opportunities, and contribute to the overall conservation efforts in
 Kentucky.
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Section 2: (a) KRS.150.010 is hereby amended to increase the number of doe tags allowed per permit from 3 to 4 does. (b) This amendment aims to provide hunters with the opportunity to contribute to the controlled management of the deer population in a sustainable and responsible manner.

Section 3: (a) KRS.150.010 is hereby amended to extend Modern Gun Season from 15 days to 25 days. (b) The extension of Modern Gun Season seeks to address the needs and preferences of hunters, promote responsible hunting practices, incentivize out of state hunters to hunt in Kentucky, and contribute to the economic aspects of recreational deer hunting in the state of Kentucky.

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Section 4: (a) Existing hunting seasons may run concurrently with the extended Modern Gun Season outlined
 in Section 3. (b) This provision aims to enhance flexibility for hunters and maximize the recreational
 opportunities during the extended Modern Gun Season while ensuring the continued operation of the
 existing season.

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Section 5: (a) The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources shall take necessary actions to
 implement the provisions of this Act, including the issuance of updated regulations and guidelines. (b) The
 department may promulgate administrative regulations to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

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Section 6: If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the
 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the
 invalid provision or application.

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32 Section 7: This Act shall take effect July 1,2024 and apply to the deer hunting season commencing in 2024.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW11	
the		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Anna Folz, Emma Groves, Ruthie Chaudoin, Katie Nguyen		Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and F	Paul ES - Hopkinsville	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Modifying the Permit Age to 15 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

4 Section 1: KRS 186.450 is amended to read that a person who is at least 15 years of age may apply for an

5 instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle. A person who has attained the age of fifteen (15) years and

6 under the age of eighteen (18) years shall have instruction permit a minimum of three hundred sixty five

7 (365) days before applying for an intermediate license.

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9 Section 2: This act takes effect January 1, 2025.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW12	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Kayley Hudnall, Kyson Wilson, Story Burr, Ta'Javion Hudson		Action or	n the Bill
School: Warren East MS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green			Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To increasing the results of state testing.
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill will amend KRS 141.023. The specific purpose for this bill is to encourage students to do
5	better on their assignments and Kentucky Standardized Testing.
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7	Section 2: This bill states that parents of students who score proficient of distinguished will receive a
8	property tax break. The percentages will be determined based on the level of proficient or distinguished.
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10	Section 3: The percentage of decrease is 5% for proficient and 7% for distinguished. If you are taxed 10% of
11	your property value, if you kid scored proficient you will be taxed 5% and if you score distinguished you will
12	be taxed 3%.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW13	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Fern Donnel	ly, Olive Hempy	Action o	n the Bill
School: Winburn MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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

Section 1: SB150 was passed in Kentucky on March 29, 2022. Senate Bill 150 was intended to be a bill that
prevents trangender youth under the age of 18 access to HRT (hormonal therapy). It also prevents
trangender individuals from using the bathroom of their gender identity whether they have medically
transitioned or not. SB 150 is also a "Don?t Say Gay" bill, meaning it bans sex ed, forces teachers to out

8 LGBTQ+ children to their parents, and forces teachers to use the pronouns assigned to a child at birth.

9 Therapists and teachers may not discuss LGBTQ+ topics to children.

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Section 2: We plan to repeal this bill, making it so that hormonal therapy is available to transgender youth

12 16 or older, anyone may use the bathroom they feel comfortable in, and children will not be outed to their

parents by teachers. The parent-teacher meetings will be monitored by the district. If the school staff has outed confidential information to the parents without the students consent, or used offensive language

15 against students, the staff member will have it put on his or her criminal record. After three offenses against

16 this law, the staff member will be required to be re-trained on advocating and respecting the students. The

17 district will provide the re-training.

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19 Section 3: This bill will go into action upon the governor's signature, or override of the governor's veto.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW14	
the		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Molly Hicks,	Hadley Moore, Ky Mahan, Caroline Lowman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ashland MS		House	Senate
City: Ashland		🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Eliminating Sales Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) To declassify
5	feminine hygiene products as a luxury item and to be exempted from the state sales tax. (2) Businesses
6	found to be violating this Act shall be issued a monetary fine.
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW15	
the		Referred to Senat	
Sponsors: Emme Holland, Leah Brown, Layne Blincoe, Lydia Rudolph		Action or	n the Bill
School: Bardstown MS		House	Senate
City: Bardstown			Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Require Drug Rehabilitation for Teens Suspended for Drug Offenses Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Drug rehabilitation is the process of medical or psychotherapeutic treatment for dependence on
substances such as prescription drugs and street drugs. In the nation for drug addiction/offenses there are
1.9 million minors. Of that number, there are 14,428 minors who have faced drug charges or suspensions
related to drug offenses in Kentucky. Out of the 1.9 million people only 68,000 of those teens are receiving
help.

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Section 2: While students learn the dangers of drug use early on, it is likely the majority of students do not
 understand the dangers of these drugs. Using such drugs as a child or adolescent can cause health-related
 problems, academic difficulties, poor mental health, and poor peer relationships.

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14 Section 3: Kentucky could lower the number of students by requiring access to drug rehabilitation

15 classes/centers for students at all schools. Any student who receives a suspension for a drug-related

16 offense would be administered a drug test and if the student tests positive, they would spend their

17 ?suspension? time in a structured environment. Rehabilitation would be a combination of time to work on

18 school assignments, receiving information about the effects of drug use, and counseling.

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Section 4: The cost of this will vary from district to district. Schools will be required to offer this service to
 students but will have a choice of on or off-site locations. Students who are unable to attend off-site due to
 personal cost/insurance reasons will still serve suspension on-site and will complete an online curriculum to
 educate them on substance abuse.

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Section 5: This will not only affect the student in rehab but it will also create a safer, healthier environment
 in schools.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW16	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Alex Richard	s, Ellis Greene, Gauge Clark	Action o	n the Bill
School: James Madison	MS	House	Senate
City: Madisonville		🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated	Passed Defeated

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An Act Relating To giving Kentucky veterans mental health treatment. **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: This bill will expand mental health services offered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family
Services. This expansion will focus on assisting Kentucky veterans. Kentucky veterans will be given access to
a voucher for licensed mental health services in the state of Kentucky. The veteran may use this voucher at a
licensed medical facility of their choice within the commonwealth. The licensed mental health care facility

8 shall redeem the voucher for reimbursement from the state.

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10 Section 2: To fund the expansion of mental health services, funds will be raised by increasing the tax on all

11 tobacco and nicotine products in Kentucky. The funds raised from this increase in tax will be allocated for

12 the mental health program expansion in section one of this bill.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW17	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Aleigha Hughes, Greta Duncan		Action o	n the Bill
School: James Madison MS		House	Senate
City: Madisonville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

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An Act Relating To increasing the Family Resource Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) funds Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

4 Section 1: In order to meet the rising needs of Kentucky families, the funding formula will be updated for the

5 Family Resource Youth Service Centers (FRYSC) to increase by 30%. The current average amount a school

6 receives per child is \$212. This increase will raise the amount given per child to \$275. This provides school

7 supplies, hygiene products, shoes, clothing, food, and other basic needs.

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- 9 Section 2: This increase in funding will be offset by funding from the KENO Lottery

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW18	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Paris Pace, S	Sloane Ishmael, Laurel Nelson, Louise Abbott	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collec	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act to create Financial Literacy classes in Kentucky schools
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: According to the Nation's Report Card on financial literacy, Kentucky fiancees received a B for
5	literacy teaching K–12. Kentucky would receive an A if they have specific classes and standards per grade
6	level.
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8	Section 2: Americans' total credit card balance is \$1.031 trillion in the second quarter of 2023. About 42%
9	of Kentuckians are in debt and Kentucky has an average of 2,600 in credit card debt alone. Kentucky is
10	ranked 24th in debt among the states. Kentucky has an average of \$3,500 in capita debt.
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12	Section 3: Kentucky does not have any set-in-stone laws talking about financial literacy classes being
13	mandatory. A bill was signed in March of 2022, but that only targets student-athletes specifically.
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15	Section 4: Some states such as North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee require high school students to take
16	at least one semester of a finance course before graduation.
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18	Section 5: Our bill would require at least 1 semester in finance literacy classes from 11th-12th grade. This
19	class will be added to your schedule without interrupting any other classes. Also, establish a certain
20	curriculum for teachers to follow and students are required to receive a letter grade. Every student has to
21	pass to graduate high school. This would not cost anything because the money would come out of the
22	district's professional development funds.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW19	
the		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Eliot Gatton, Sadler Ishmael, Porter Sattich		Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Defeated

1 2	An Act to Lower the Corporate Tax Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: The vast majority of Kentuckians find jobs through major companies and corporations. These
5	companies are starting to be taxed more, which leads to more and more pay cuts and layoffs of Kentuckians
6 7	who work at these companies.
8	Section 2: In 2022 the General Assembly a lot more people were interested in more tax cuts for the wealthy.
9	A big shift like that will mean a tax cut for corporations and more jobs for the people of Kentucky. So we
10	should lower corporate income tax because it is also showing that, with less useful jobs the economy will just
11	fail itself.
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13	Section 3: Each year, Kentucky imposes a tax on every business that is protected from liability by the laws of
14	the state. This includes businesses such as corporations, LLCs, limited partnerships, and S-Corporations. This
15	tax does not apply to those businesses single owned or general partnerships because these businesses do
16	not have limited liability.
17 18	Section 4: In the US, the maximum corporate income tax rate is 21 %. Local states and governments may
18 19	enforce the tax on similar bases, but these taxes can usually be deductible from the federal income tax for
20	corporations. The total average for all levels of government is 25.89%.
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22	Section 5: However, the U.S. also recently enacted a new corporate minimum. tax (effective January 1, 2023)
23	that imposes a 15% minimum tax on the financial statement income for U.S. corporations (including
24	consolidated groups, see question 4.4) with financial statement income of more than \$1 billion for three
25	taxable years (or \$100 million in the case of a U.S. corporation that is part of a non-U.S. multinational group
26	that has combined financial statement income of more than \$1 billion.)
27	Casting C. 7 states have been dependent of their semanate income tax, such as Mashington and Neveds
28	Section 6: 7 states have lowered or removed their corporate income tax, such as Washington and Nevada.
29 30	Section 7: Our solution would be to lower these corporate income taxes. This would better free up financial
30 31	space in these companies to further staff laid-off Kentuckians.
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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW20	
		Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Maverick Hamilton, jake wilson, Helen Higdon		Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act to Ban Solitary Confinement in Juvenile Detention Centers
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: 70% of juvenile prisoners have a serious mental health condition. 1 in 4 people with a serious
5 6	mental illness have been arrested at some point in their life.
7	Section 2: Youth in solitary account for about 6–8% of the general population, while still accounting for half
8	of prison suicides
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10	Section 3: 62% of prison suicides are committed by young people who have been in solitary confinement.
11	Solitary confinement can damage young people's prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain that controls
12	impulse control, which is the last part of the brain to develop.
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14	Section 4: In Kentucky, laws are being debated in 2023 for less harsher juvenile detention punishments as it
15	is studied and proven that it declines mental health and has the majority of negative impacts.
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17	Section 5: Title 18 U.S. Code § 5043 is on juvenile solitary confinement. This law restricts using solitary
18	confinement as a punishment only when behavior could be harmful. It also limits the amount of time a
19	prisoner could be detained
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21	Section 6: Multiple states have banned solitary confinement in juvenile detention centers and many others
22	have restrictions involving the time span prisoners can be detained in solitary confinement.
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24	Section 7: Our bill would ban the use of solitary confinement in juvilen detention centers. There are many
25	better alternatives, such as taking away certain privileges as punishment, and also getting more help for
26	inmates. That help would include therapists helping people through whatever they need help going through.
27 28	Solitary confinement can be traumatizing and can seriously damage your mental state. In mental health
28 29	centers, people would get more specialized treatment, and support groups.
29 30	Section 8: Our bill would go into effect in Janurary 2026.
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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW21	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Kelsey Bunch		Action or	n the Bill
School: Metcalfe Co. M	5	House	Senate
City: Edmonton		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Gender Pay Bias
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill would further advance the 1963 Equal Pay Act. Research has proven women on average
5	make 82 cents per every dollar earned by men. This is in large because of gender bias in the workplace. This
6	bill would require all Coporate and business administration and Human Resources Personnel to complete a
7	workplace bias course.
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9	Section 2: This bill would improve equal pay for men and women and reduce workplace bias. Cost would be
10	covered by government funds already in place and add no additional cost to employers or employees.
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12	Section 3: Enactment of this bill would begin Jan 1, 2027.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW22	
the		Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Callie Adams, Morgan Bryant, Aidan Leon, Alivia Smith		Action o	n the Bill
School: Notre Dame Academy ES		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To 12 Weeks Paid Parental Leave
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill will provide full pay for parents who have a newborn or a newly adopted child (up to age
5	8) for up to 12 weeks.
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7	Section 2: Parental leave is when one or both parents take time off from their job(s) to take care of a
8	newborn baby or an adopted child. The loss of pay during a parent's time off from their job can leave a family
9	financially unstable. Paid parental leave would improve the physical and mental well being of both the
10	baby/adopted child and parents and also keep the family financially stable during a time when a lot of
11	expenses are occurring. Studies show that the longer the parents are able to spend time with their
12	baby/child learning their preferences, body signals and health concerns, etc., the more aware parents are of
13	their baby/child's needs and wants as well as creating a strong family bond.
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15	Section 3: Each parent will receive 90% of their average salary for the first 6 weeks. Followed by 60% of
16	their pay for the next 6 weeks. The funding for the paid parental leave will be provided from three sources:
17	revenue from sports betting, Social Security, and the parents' employer(s) as stated? First 6 weeks (90%
18	pay): 40% from Sports betting income, 40% from Social Security, 10% from employer Second 6 weeks (60%
19	pay): 30% from Sports betting income, 20% from Social Security, 10% from employer
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21	Section 4: In order to qualify for paid parental leave, each parent must have completed at least twelve
22	months of employment with the current employer and have worked or been on paid leave for at least 1,250
23	hours in the twelve months immediately preceding the first day of parental leave. They also must complete
24	an application form and submit it to their employer at least 30 days in advance of leave (unless there is a
25	medical emergency that necessitates an immediate leave).

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red CW23	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Chase Wissing, Margo Puffer, Emma Grace Moody, Ellen Trautwein		Action or	n the Bill
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act to Reduce Child Abuse Rates
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: On the first conviction of abuse, The judge can sentence the abuser to community service, or jail.
5	If there are more injuries by the abuser they will be sentenced to both punishments.
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7	Section 2: If sentenced to rehabilitation there will be a doctor who will tell the judge when the patient can go
8	back to court. The judge will determine with the help of the doctor if the patient is free to go or has to serve
9	time in jail.
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11	Section 3: If the person gets jail time as well, they will immediately go to jail after their rehabilitation. After
12	the convict gets out of jail they will go back to court to have he judge tell them if they are well or not.
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14	Section 4: If the convict is convicted more than once they will return to court and have the judge choose the

15 appropriate jail time for them.

● ●	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW24	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: David Warren, Maggie Donworth, Carter Yates, Mason Foley		Action o	n the Bill
School: Sayre School MS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Gun Storage Laws in Kentucky
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Anyone who owns a firearm(s) must store their firearm(s) unloaded in a locked safe or container,
5	or any place that would be impossible for any persons under the age of 18 to access.
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7	Section 2: In order to honor Second Amendment rights and home defense cases, gun owners will be allowed
8	to store a firearm in a place that is accessible for the owner of the weapon, but inaccessible for a minor to
9	reach. Ammunition can be stored in close approximation, but the firearm must remain locked and unloaded.
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11	Section 3: Family fire is a serious problem in Kentucky. Children often gain access to firearms and may
12	accidentally deploy the weapon resulting in injury or death of themselves or another person(s).
13	Approximately 2.3 percent of all gun deaths in Kentucky are accidental, which is 41 deaths and at least 80
14	injuries over the past 8 years due to accidental shootings in kentucky.
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16	Section 4: This bill will not force cost upon gun owners, as the firearm can be stored in a previously owned
17	container or safe. If the firearm owner does not yet own a type of locked container, the firearm owner can
18	purchase one from any authorized dealer. This arrangement will be cost-effective to the owner, so financial
19	issues to the firearm owner will be precluded.
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21	Section 5: Any authorized gun dealer will be required to sell a safe or locked container for every weapon that
22	they sell. All guns that are bought must be sold in a locked container. Prices may inflect the added safety
23	mechanism, but the lock/container must be included in the transaction.
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25	Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW25	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Amber Coomes, Evelyn Rugama, Elayna Delancey, Elyssa Greenwell		Action on the Bill	
School: Stuart Pepper MS		House	Senate
City: Brandenburg		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To to Improving Foster Care Screening
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The act will help younger kids in foster care, make sure all foster kids are taken care of properly,
and stop people with bad intentions from easily becoming foster parents. This will provide opportunities for
children in foster care to have a better childhood.

Section 2: This bill would focus on neglect and abuse of those kids in the foster care system. Studies show
that foster kids who experience difficult situations are more likely to repeat those actions. It will also
decrease the amount of children that end up in juvenile facilities. This act is all based on children's safety and
protecting innocent lives at all cost.

Section 3: This would be implemented online by sending the foster care agencies new rules, regulations and a better screening procedure for the system. Failure to follow these new regulations will result in verbal and written reprimands. Each foster care facility will be required to attend training to show how these new regulations will be implemented.

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Section 4: The foster care system, specifically the people who implement the rules, will be in charge of making sure this happens. Failure to follow the updated law will result in a \$1,000 fine for the first offense, up to a year in jail for the second offense, and for the third and final offense, up to one and a half years in jail and a \$1,500 fine. This will also result in the foster care system to be investigated by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

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Section 5: No funding will be required for this bill.

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26 Section 6: This bill will take effect as of December 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW26	
		Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Bella Kerns, Julian McCormick, Molly Delaney, Alaya Engle		Action on the Bill	
School: Stuart Pepper MS		House	Senate
City: Brandenburg		🗆 Passed 🗆 Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Liberation of Animals from Public Zoos
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Our mission is to free animals from zoos and relocate them to animal sanctuaries. , Starting with
5	the most harmed animals and progressing to the least harmed. The purpose is to reduce the mistreatment of
6	animals in public zoos. We intend to seek assistance from Kentucky Fishing and WildLife to carry out this
7	plan. If they are unable to help, we will approach additional animal rescue organizations.
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9	Section 2: On average, 3000 to 5000 animals suffer harm in zoos each year. The typical enclosure size is
10	approximately 1 acre, and an estimated 80% of animals experience distress in zoos annually.
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12	Section 3: Our plan to enact this proposal involves gradually transferring animals to sanctuaries, prioritizing
13	those that have suffered the most harm.
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15	Section 4: The enforcement of this proposal will be overseen by Kentucky Fishing and WildLife. The
16	consequence for non-compliance is the closure of the zoo by the government.
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18	Section 5: No, the implementation of this proposal will not incur costs for individuals. The government will
19	cover the expenses.
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21	Section 6: This proposal will take effect in August 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW27	
		Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Colin Rapier, kathryn richardosn, Vienna Cooley, Falyn Satterley		Action on the Bill	
School: Bondurant MS		House	Senate
City: Frankfort		Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

1	An Act Relating to Foster Care & Adoption
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A new section of KRS chapter 200 is to be added to read as follows:
5	To incentivise the adoption of children in their early stages of development all approved for adoption families
6	defined by KRS are entitled to 'Utility Tax Break'. This tax break is scaled to the income of the families to be
7	between 5–15% depending on the income. These incomed brackets and tax incentives are defined as follows:
8	A. Upper class income (\$100,00/yr total for family members): Will have their utilities discounted by
9	5% monthly.
10	B. Middle Class income (\$70,000)/yr total for family members): will have their utilities discounted by
11	10% monthly.
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13	C. Lower Class income (\$35,000/yr total for family members: will have their utilities discounted by
14	15% monthly.
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16	Section 2: Any statue contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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18	Section 3: Any foster care families who are determined to be in violation of 'Proper management & Care' of
19	adopted individuals shall be faced with the following penalties:
20	Class D felony – 1 to 4 years of imprisonment; fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000 `Abuse of a Juvenile' as
21	well as the revocation of their ability to foster a young adult or child will be enacted.
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23	Section 4: This bill will be enacted by January 1, 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW28	
		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Noah Spalding, Silas Bogel, Walter Mattingly		Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Spirit ES		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	

1	An Act Relating to Caffeinated Beverages Sales to Minors
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill would prohibit the sale and distribution of caffeinated beverages containing 175mg or
5	greater, to persons under the age of 18. This bill also prohibits consumption and possession of beverages
6	containing 175mg or greater of caffeine, by minors.
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8	Section 2: This bill will be enforced by all law enforcement agencies operating within the Commonwealth of
9	Kentucky.
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11	Section 3: A \$500 fine will be imposed to the person or persons caught distributing or selling the beverage
12	to a minor. If a minor is caught consuming or possessing a beverage, they will receive a maximum of 15
13	hours of community service.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted January 1, 2024.