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An act to cap tuition rates at public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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

Section 1: For the 2016-2017 school year, Kentucky's public colleges and universities are limited to a 4.6%-6.1% tuition increase for in-state undergraduate students. However, each year state officials redetermine the percentage that public colleges and universities can increase tuition.

Section 2: This bill will allow public colleges and universities to continue to increase tuition each year, but the tuition rate for undergraduate students entering their first year will not increase over the span of 4 years. This means that colleges may increase their tuition as applied to first year undergraduates and any student who has not completed an undergraduate degree within 4 years.

Section 3: Those students who enter their first year at any public university or college in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be subject to the tuition rate set by that university or college. The college or university may only charge that student the same or a lesser tuition rate for the following four years. This applies to in-state undergraduate students only. Out of state undergraduate students are subject to the tuition increase each and every year.

Section 4: To receive the "locked in" rate, the undergraduate must complete his or her degree within 4 years, and must do so consecutively. If the student chooses not to attend the college or university for a semester or year, he or she will be subject to the tuition increase. If a student earns his or her degree during the 5th year of study, the 5th year will be subject to the tuition increase.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect for the 2017-2018 school year.