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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Authors: Kaitiyn Dukes, Reagan Miller, Klieigh Darnoid, Keagan Hatton	Action on the Bill	
School: Carroll Co. MS	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Carrollton	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to requiring all school buses in Kentucky to have seat belts in every seat.

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

Section 1: Kentucky school bus seating safety requirements only require a seat belt for the bus driver. Seating safety requirements for school buses have not changed since 1977. Only three years ago, 864 collisions in Kentucky have either directly involved or indirectly involved a school bus. Out of these collisions there were three fatalities and 293 injuries.

Section 2: This year only six states require seat belts on school buses. These states are Florida, Texas, New Jersey, New York, California, and Louisiana. About 25 million kids ride a school bus across the United States of America. That would mean that out of that 25 million only about 4 million kids ride a bus with a seat belt. That leaves 21 million kids riding a school bus without a seat belt. Kentucky should join the six states that already require seat belts on buses.

Section 3: The cost to put in seat belts on Kentucky's school buses is around 60 cents a day per bus. This minor cost can be deducted easily from state sales taxes.

Section 4: Three years ago there was a bus crash in California. The bus turned over onto its side after running into light poles and trees. This bus had seat belts, and no one died. A few weeks ago, in a different state, a bus without seat belts had a similar collision. In this crash, five children died. The proper use of seat belts in the first crash reduced the severity of the injuries with no casualties.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2018.

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BG 2	
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Referred to Committee: House 2

Authors: Leighton Harris, Grayson Pham, Gabe Fox, Chioe Moore	Action on the Bill		
School: E.J. Hayes MS	House	Senate	
	🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed	
City: Lexington	Defeated	Defeated	

An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky public schools to commence no earlier than 7:55 a.m.

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

Section 1: It is a proven fact that teens and adolescents require more sleep than average adults due to their varying states of growth and development. This proposed bill would require all Kentucky school districts to adjust their school start times at each level for 7:55 a.m. or later.

Section 2: This bill is intended to promote student learning, engagement, and alertness while in the classroom so as to maximize their productivity while in school. With student performance currently being more scrutinized than ever, this bill would allow for more rested student the opportunity to absorb higher levels of instruction and understanding.

Section 3: School districts not in compliance with this regulation will be faced with losing a portion of state provided funding. They will be provided with the opportunity to adjust their schedules, and if no effort has been made; reduced funding will be incurred.

Section 4: This bill will not require any additional funding by the commonwealth of Kentucky or it's tax payers.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

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City: Frankfort

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Referred to Committee:

House 1

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Authors: Audrey Gilbert, Khloe Schwaniger, Makiya McNear	Action on the Bill	
School: Frankfort MS	House	Senate
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An Act relating to a tax on soda and all beverages containing a high amount of sugar or high-fructose corn syrup

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

Section 1: This tax would cover all sodas, as well as fruit juices, energy drinks, sports drinks, alcoholic beverages, and any other sugar or high-fructose corn syrup sweetened beverages. The tax rate on the beverages would be one cent per ounce.

Section 2: Kentucky ranks #6 in the country for citizens with diabetes. The goal of this tax is to decrease rates of obesity and diabetes by influencing people to make healthier choices when it comes to beverages. Soft drinks and other sugary beverages have no nutritional value and only add empty calories to a person's diet.

Section 3: Since taxes bring the government money, the revenue generated would bring in more money for other government projects. For example, youth leadership activities, community sport leagues, and after school academic programs could be funded to help the youth to become better people and ensure their future.

Section 4: If consumers decide not to buy sugary drinks because of the tax, they will save money and calories. Health care costs for diabetes and obesity related illnesses will also be reduced because fewer people will be consuming these unhealthy beverages.

Section 5: Although this bill may hurt soda manufacturing companies financially, it will make citizens healthier and the government wealthier. Additionally, it may encourage soda companies to create new and healthier products that may not be taxed.

Section 6: This tax will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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Authors: Ella Abnev. Claire Moore. Ella McCutchen. Dorothy Hanson

Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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An Act relating to the care of drug dependent mothers and their babies

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

Section 1: Kentucky has twice the national rate of babies born dependent on drugs. In fact, one in every 50 babies born in Kentucky suffers from Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, the medical term for babies who suffer withdrawal from drugs. However, many hospitals separate the babies from the mothers immediately after birth in order to facilitate the rehabilitation process for both despite evidence that proves this is less effective.

Section 2: This bill, known as the Baby and Mother Bonding Initiative (BAMBI) and provides for partnership between the government, non-profits, and hospitals to establish rehabilitation centers/programs for new mothers who used drugs while pregnant and their babies. Research shows that keeping mothers and babies together provides encouragement for the mother to become and stay clean and it actually speeds healing time for the baby, too.

Section 3: This bill would allow mothers to "room in" with their babies while both detox from the drugs. Following their release from the hospital, mothers may continue to have custody provided that continue their recovery

Section 4: Few programs like this exist in Kentucky, but those that do are successful. We want to duplicate this success and allow more mothers and babies the opportunities to break free from addiction. The program would be most intense in the first year after the child is born, with checkups for mothers and babies every three to six months in the years after.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2019, providing all hospitals with maternity wards an opportunity to make necessary changes to their facilities and programs. Hospitals that do not comply will no longer receive state subsidies or Medicare reimbursement.

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BG 5

Authors: Ameia Merimedovic, Brianna Cardwell, Heaven Cozart, Min Naing	Action on the Bill		
School: Henry F. Moss MS	House	Senate	
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City: Bowling Green	Defeated	Defeated	

An Act relating to the Sex Offender Registry

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

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 2: A new section of KRS Chapter 17 is created to read as follows: Registrants to the Sex Offenders Registry will be prohibited from changing their names from the name that was originally used to register. All petitions for name changes shall be cross referenced against the Sex Offender Registry of all 50 states and the petition will be denied if the name and other identifying information is found on the Registry.

Section 3: No new appropriations will be necessary for this bill. The duty to cross reference the name change petitions will be folded into the duties of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, the government office responsible name change petitions.

Section 4: This legislation will take effect ninety days after the close of session, to allow time for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office to become familiar with the law and work to include the cross referencing of names into assigned duties.

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House 1

Authors: Emily Avery, Carlee Wilson	Action on the Bill	
School: Memorial ES	House	Senate
City: Hardyville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act relating to having all employees of Kentucky school systems drug tested every year.

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

Section 1: All employees (teachers, principals, bus drivers, instructional assistants, etc.) will be required to take part in multiple standard drug tests every year.

Section 2: Four different tests will be held every year. The employees would not know when each test would occur or which they would attend.

Section 3: The approximately \$20 cost for the tests will come from federal funding.

Section 4: If this policy is not followed, the school system or by a specific employee, they would be punished by a fine. First offense for employee: \$100 fine Second offense for employee: \$200 fine Third offense for employee: \$400 fine and State official will come and enforce the test First offense for school system: \$250 fine Second offense for school system: \$500 fine Third offense for school system: \$1,000 fine and will be visited by state officials who will administer the test.

Section 5: If passed, this bill would go into effect at the start of the next school year.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Authors: Jessica Colley, Gabe Driskill, Jacob Wiles, Caleb Borders

Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Sc	thool: North Marshall MS	House	Senate		
Ci	ty: Calvert City	□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeat		
1 2 3	An Act relating to ordering all Kentucky restaurants to provide veteran close to an entrance as possible and provide veterans with a 10% discou				
4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonweal	th of Kentucky			
4 5 6 7	Section 1: The purpose is to make it easier for veterans to access entry in	nto restaurants.			
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10 11	Section 3: Veteran spots must be within 50 feet of an existing entrance.				
12 13 14 15	Section 4: If the business already exists, the county road department will and incur the cost. If the business is opened after the passing of this bill, responsible for painting the spots before they are able to open.				
16 17	Section 5: The parking spot will be identified by a symbol and/or word.				
18 19 20	Section 6: The purpose is to make food more affordable as a sign of appr the country and allow them the opportunity to save money as well.	eciation for their s	service to		
21	Section 7: The 10% discount will be on all food items and non-alcoholic b	everages.			
22 23	Section 8: This will be available at all Kentucky restaurants and veterans	will provide militar	y ID at the		

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Referred to Committee: House 2

Authors: Leyla Greene, Destiny Utterback	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Morehead	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to prohibiting citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from smoking in their automobile while transporting children under the age of 18.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure children are not involuntarily exposed to the harmful chemicals that are emitted from cigarettes.

Section 2: Smoking in cars is toxic. The level of air pollution in a car caused by smoke from a cigarette is so severe that breathing it is dangerous for anyone, but especially children. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke it has more than 7,000 chemicals, at least 70 of which are known to cause cancer. 15%–18% of the children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are treated for secondhand smoke related illnesses each year.

Section 3: Individuals who are cited for smoking in their automobile while transporting a child under the age of 18 will be fined a base fine of \$500, with an additional \$250 for each additional child that is in the automobile. In addition, if cited twice within 5 years, the individual(s) will have to attend a class linked to the health risks for children by smoking in an automobile while transporting them. [The license of individuals will be suspended until they have completed the course]

Section 4: This bill will affect all individuals that operate automobiles within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5: The funding for this bill will be provided from the Cabinet For Health And Family Services. However, a significant portion of the funding will come from the fines that are given to individuals for breaching this law.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1 2018.

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Action o	on the Bill
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An Act relating to mandating the Participation of Private and Home-schooled Students in Public School Sports

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

Section 1: It can be hard for anyone to find an athletic program, but it is even harder for those of private schools and home-school programs. Inside private schools, there is not a large selection of sports programs to choose from. Some schools are so small that they do not have any sports programs available at all. Not allowing private and home-schooled students participate in public sports programs penalizes them. They are very much more unlikely to be recognized by college recruiting scouts. Thus, making their chances of receiving scholarships less likely, and hampering their chances of higher education. This mandate would benefit public school sports programs by giving coaches a large pool of students to choose from. Great athletes are always a great financial draw for sports programs.

Section 2: All residents of local cities and counties that own property are already paying taxes to support public school programs. Passing this bill would not cost the Department of Education or individual schools more money than the current sports program budgets currently are spending.

Section 3: The Department of Education would be responsible for monitoring this law.

Section 4: Consequences for violation would be suspension from participation in that particular sport by the local school district for the duration of one school year.

Section 5: This law will go into effect May 1, 2018.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

	Senate 2
Authors: Livie Jorgensen, Lucy Wilkins, Beatrice Reigel	Action on the Bill
School: Sts. Peter & Paul	House Senate
City: Hopkinsville	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \

An Act relating to adding cursive writing to the Kentucky Academic Standards in all Kentucky public schools

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

Section 1: In 2010, Kentucky adopted the Common Core Standards. There are no cursive writing standards in Common Core. Since that time Kentucky students have not learned how to read or write in cursive. There are many reasons cursive writing is important to learn. Cursive writing helps with coordination and fine motor skills. Learning cursive will help students in high school and college because it will allow for faster note taking. If students do not learn to write in cursive, they are also not able to read cursive.

Section 2: The Kentucky Academic Standards contain the minimum required standards that all Kentucky students should have the opportunity to learn before graduating from Kentucky high schools. Our bill proposes that Kentucky add cursive writing as a minimum requirement to the standards. It proposes that cursive will be taught in the 3rd through 8th grade.

- Section 3: This bill will apply to students in all Kentucky public schools.
- Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education will be responsible for enacting this bill.
- Section 5: If passed, this bill will go into effect for the 2018–2019 academic year.

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BG 11

Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Authors: Ava LaFollette, Josie Smallwood	Action o	n the Bill
School: T.K. Stone	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown	□ Passed	□ Passed

An Act relating to allowing high school students to gain an additional \$125 in KEES money for participating in clubs and/or the academic team for two years.

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

Section 1: In order to recieve an additional amount of KEES money students must participate in one or more club, student council, and/or academic team for two year of high school. This act would allow students to earn a maximum of \$375 to be added to their KEES acount.

Section 2: Currenlty, the maximum amount a student is allowed to earn in KEES money in \$2500. If a student fails to earn their KEES money, this money will fund the clubs, student council and academic fund.

Section 3: Students must have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA throughout his/her freshman through senior year or they will not earn the extra KEES money.

Section 4: This bill will go in effect on August 1, 2018.

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BG 12

Referred to Committee: House 2

Aut	hors: Adelyn Inman, Brylee Davis, Camryn Heuser, Langley Wallace	Action o	n the Bill
Sch	ool: T.K. Stone	House	Senate
City	: Elizabethtown	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed
1 2	An Act relating to preventing perscription painkiller o	overdoses.	
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5 6 7 8	Section 1: Currently in Kentucky has a huge problem with overdoses from one of the most critical public health and safety issues facing our great stan 1,404 people have died from prescribed drug overdoses. The fatality	tate. In 2016 alo	ne, more

Section 2: Currently, the law states that a person only needs a physical examination to have painkillers prescribed.

Section 3: Patients must have an examinations that clearly shows they require painkillers. Painkiller should only be prescribed to patients with physical pain not mental pain. The patient must have had some sort of surgery or prior injury to be prescribed painkillers.

Section 4: Physicians need to continue to be educated on a variety of painkillers and they must document patient care closely to help avoid patient addiction. Physicians who break the rules will be fined.

Section 5: This bill will go in effect approximately one year after being passed into law.

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Referred to Committee: House 2

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Authors: Olivia First, Emma Lucas, Isabella Nix, Jayden Carmony	Action o	Action on the Bill	
School: Bernheim MS	House	Senate	
	□ Passed	🗆 Passed	
City: Shepherdsville	Defeated	Defeated	

An Act relating to enacting stricter penalties against those convicted of Child Abuse in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Child abuse is a concern throughout the United States. The abuse of the young and defenseless is viewed as both immoral and illegal in every state. Kentucky is listed as #2 in the number of child abuse claims in the United States. The current penalties for convicted child abusers varies from a monetary fine to prison sentences.

Section 2: Penalties for a conviction for child abuse needs to be increased in order to reduce the number of children affected.

Section 3: The current penalty for felony child abuse ranges from 5 - 40 years in prison, based on the felony class. The minimum prison time should be increased to 10 years All individuals convicted of child abuse, no matter the felony class, will have to register into the Kentucky Child Abuse Registry (KCAR).

Section 4: The KCAR will be established to provide the public access to the information regarding those individuals who have been convicted of child abuse in their communities. Those who fail to register will be in violation of parole and subject to further punishment.

Section 5: The bill will take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Referred to Committee: House 1

Authors: Andrew Frye	Action on the Bill	
School: Carroll Co. MS	House Senate	
City: Carrollton	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to amending KRS SB 172/FN (BR 1174) to require secondary schools to have at least 30 minutes of physical activity during every day.

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

Section 1: In all schools in the state of Kentucky allow for at least 30 minutes of physical activity during every school day for every student, including disabled students, beginning at the start of the 2018/2019 school year. Currently this only applies to preschools through intermediate schools.

Section 2: This will require little or no funding due to all schools having open spaces indoors or outdoors.

Section 3: The penalty for breaking this law is the removal of state funding from the local school district, to begin at the start of the 2018/2019 school year.

Section 4: For the purposes of this bill, physical activity is defined as any body movement that works your muscles, enhances your health, and requires more energy than resting.

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CW 3

Referred to Committee: House 1

Aut	chors: Peyton Hollon, Sydney Cox, Clementine Coomes, Sutton Tyner	Action o	n the Bill
Sch	ool: E.J. Hayes MS	House	Senate
City	y: Lexington	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
1	An Act relating to Kentucky Veternarians to report suspected animal abu	se to the animal	control office
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonweal	th of Kentucky	
5	Section 1: This bill requires veterinarians in Kentucky to report animal abo	use when seen in	their office

Section 2: For the 7th consecutive year, Kentucky has the worst animal cruelty case convictions. The state's lack of laws makes it easy for criminals to get away with animal abuse. Currently in Kentucky, it is stated that a veterinarian shall not violate the confidential relationship between the vet and his or her client, except with a court mandated order. This might not completely stop animal abuse in Kentucky, but it will give animals a better chance for protection.

Section 3: No funding is required to enact this law.

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Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Animal Control Office. If a veterinarian sees or suspects abuse and has evidence of the abuse to the animal, they will be required by law to report the abuse to the Animal Control Office. If government does not follow this bill animal abuse will continue and Kentucky will continue to be the worst state at animal protection.

Section 5: This bill will take effect approximately six months after it is passed.

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CW 4

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Authors: Elle Moses, Emma Anderson, Tallulah Young, Ria Munnolimath	Action (on the Bill
School: E.J. Hayes MS	House	Senate
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An Act relating to requiring all carnival rides to be inspected every three monthes.

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

Section 1: This bill will require all carnival rides to be inspected by a state inspector every three months. THe inspection will last 1-3 days, depending on the size and need of the company, and be inspected by a state provided official.

Section 2: The inspection will include each machine used and operated for rides and should include x-rays of welds and joints.

Section 3: All inspectors will have undergone a three day training, provided by the state. Inspectors will be re-certified each year and must pass a test that shows their qualifications.

Section 4: All rides that are operated during the three month time period should show physical proof stating that the ride has been inspected by a state officer. The proof of the inspection will be posted upon entrance of the ride where it is easily visible to patrons.

Section 5: This bill will be funded by the state of Kentucky by the Department of Agriculture.

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Authors: Ilana Williams, Myka Smith-Jackson, Sarah Mattingly, Sydney Peters

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School: E.J. Hayes MS			House	Senate
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City: Lexington			Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky Middle Schools to have an agriculture class elective and offer the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club to all participants.

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

Section 1: Agriculture is our nation's most valuable industry and an important part of our state's economy. Without it, many of the things we have today wouldn't exist such as food, valuable research into improving the environment, and technological advances in agriculture.

Section 2: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources system. By exposing students at a younger age, they are learning about agricultural science and promoting and enhancing leadership skills. Agricultural education is a systematic program of instruction available to students desiring to learn about the science, business, technology of plant and animal production and/or about the environmental and natural resources systems.null

Section 3: The funding for this class would come from the district's budget, just like the money for other elective classes. This bill will go into effect the 2018-2019 school year.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

Authors: Alaina Alexander, Danyale Atwell, Hallie Cassady, Caroline Parsley	Action o	n the Bill
School: Edmonson Co. MS	House	Senate

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City: Brownsville	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to changing pension guidelines for Kentucky legislators.

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

Section 1: The minimum number of years that a Kentucky legislator has to serve in order to draw a pension is four. This is an issue because no other state employee can serve for less than 20 years and draw full pension benefits. The state of Kentucky is experiencing a crisis concerning pension funding. Our state recently contracted with an outside firm to provide suggestions on how to make up the shortfall. The proposed changes include extending the age for full retirement benefits for hazardous workers to 60 and 65 for non-hazardous workers, moving retirement withholdings from salaries to a managed 401k, and taking away all cost of living increases for current retirees, which could significantly reduce their monthly earnings. The recommendations, however, failed to include changes to the legislative retirement system.

Section 2: This bill will require a minimum of 20 years service in either the House of Representatives or Senate to qualify for a DB (defined benefit) plan through the state of Kentucky. Legislators who currently work for the state of Kentucky or have in the past will be impacted. Legislators currently receiving a defined benefit who did not serve for at least 20 years will lose their pension benefits.

Section 3: Funding is not required for this bill. It would, if enacted, help to replenish the DB (defined benefit) plan.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees.

Section 5: If passed, this bill will go into effect in the state of Kentucky on January 1, 2018.

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Authors: Josi Morrison, Maham Shahbaz, Paige Wolfe

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CW 7

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School: Edmonson Co. MS	House	Senate
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City: Brownsville	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to requiring state workers to forfeit their pension benefits if they are incarcerated at any point during or after their employment

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

Section 1: This bill is needed because state workers are supposed to be role models, and if they commit a crime or crimes that are serious enough to warrant incarceration, they should forfeit retirement benefits. Everyone is human, and everyone makes mistakes; however employment in a state job such as a teacher, state trooper, firefighter, or legislator requires holding yourself to high standards of decorum. If a state worker cannot uphold the laws of the Commonwealth, their pension benefits should be revoked. This bill will ensure that our teachers, firefighters, EMT workers, police officers, and other government officials stay true to their reputation and be someone others can look up to.

Section 2: If the bill is enacted, it will revoke pension benefits from any state employee who is incarcerated during their tenure or retirement. All employees working for the state will be directly affected by this bill should they choose to commit serious crimes that could result in incarceration. This bill will impact all current and former state employees.

Section 3: This bill does not require any funding; instead the forfeited benefits will be used to replenish the various pension funds associated with Kentucky state workers.

Section 4: This bill would be enforced by Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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City: Louisville

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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Authors: Brynna Fisk, Caden Ely, Sophia Jones, Emma Eleson	Action o	on the Bill
School: Highland MS	House	Senate
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An Act relating to the Legalization of Cannabis for Medical Uses

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

Section 1: Funding would be used for workers and facilities for the distribution of the medical marijuana cards and marijuana dosages. Requirements for a medical marijuana card is doctor recommendation. To receive a distributing license, you must complete a class, and your criminal record must be clean. The age required to obtain a medical marijuana distributing license is 18. To obtain a license to grow medical cannabis you must be 25 years of age. The punishment for growing marijuana without a license is arrest. To obtain a medical growing license you must go through a background and an inspector from the state must approve your cannabis annually to renew your license.

Section 2: The act to legalize the medical use of cannabis restricts people under the age of 18 to obtain a medical marijuana card, the penalty is being arrested. The fine for public usage is \$350. Penalty for using for using Marijuana without a medical card is a \$500 fine. The penalty for selling medical marijuana cards is arrest. A distributer giving medical marijuana to people without a card will be punished by the revoke of your license. Distributing medical marijuana without a license will result in your arrest.

Section 3: This bill will go into action January 1st, 2019.

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City: Louisville

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Committee:

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CW 9

House 2

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Authors: Alice Kempf, Sadie Townsend, Stella Campbell	Action on	the Bill
School: Holy Spirit ES	House	Senate
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An Act relating to requiring Shelters to Scan for Microchips Before Euthanization or Adoption.

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

Section 1: According to the Animal Control Act 5 11 of Illinois, "When not redeemed by the owner, agent, or caretaker, a dog or cat must be scanned for a microchip. If a microchip is present, the registered owner must be notified. After contact has been made or attempted, all animals deemed adoptable by the animal control facility shall be offered for adoption, or made available to a licensed humane society or rescue group." In current Kentucky, there are no laws about pet microchipping.

Section 2: In accordance with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, approximately 1.5 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year. "Euthanization" is the act or practice of ending the life of an animal by lethal injections.

Section 3: In order to enact this law, we will get funding from state taxes. The state will only fund government run shelters. They will provide microchip scanners and software for these shelters. No other programs will lose money because of this.

Section 4: If state run shelters fail to scan pets before euthanization, adoption, or transfer of shelters, we will have three offenses: - First Offense: Warning and prohibition - Second Offense: Fine of \$50,000 - Third Offense: Shelter will be shut down.

Section 5: Upon passage, this bill to require to scan for pet microchipping in shelters will take effect as soon as software and equipment is available.



City: Lexington

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: House 1

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Authors: Brit Buchanan, Ruth Litanda, Agath Irumva, Janet Janet Mashindi	Action on the Bill	
School: Leestown MS	House	Senate
	Passed	🗆 Passed

An Act relating to restructuring Anti-Bully Programs in Middle Schools

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

Section 1: KRS 158.148 is amended to read as follows: A new committee will be in control of the restructure and standardization of the anti-bullying curriculum distributed yearly amongst Kentucky middle schools.

Section 2: This bill reflects the need for new curriculum to provide protection and spread awareness of current bullying behaviors amongst young students.

Section 3: The creation of a new committee, titled the Kentucky Association for Anti-Bullying Education (KAABE), will be formed of 1 representative from each of the associated programs in Statute 158.148 ("(2) in cooperation with the Kentucky Education Association, the Kentucky School Boards Association, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Kentucky Association of Professional Educators, the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, the Parent-Teachers Association, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau, members of the Interim Joint Committee on Education, and other interested groups, and in collaboration with the Center for School Safety, the Department of Education"). In addition to specialists contracted through the state. This committee will be responsible for the research, evaluation and creation of the new standards every year.

Section 4: The curriculum for the new programs will include, but are not limited to:

- Updated content in pamphlets, videos and resources distributed in schools, including definitions and behaviors of discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, nationality, family income, etc.
- Relevant discussions on current methods of cyberbullying on social media platforms such as harassment and peer pressure.
- Solutions and support that is effective and attainable for students.

Section 5: A random sample of students and teachers from each school will be given a survey on the day following the last day of school, to evaluate the new curriculum. If new criteria fails to hold majority satisfaction of public school samples, the KAABE will be given further training and drafting to meet the needs of the schools. Failure to perform adequately on revisions will call for re-evaluation of the staff committee.

Section 6: State funding and collaboration with various programs, found in section 2 of the previously mentioned Statute, will continue to fund this committee. The KAABE will contain members of the aforementioned groups and combined with state specialists currently employed by the state.

Section 7: This Act takes effect July 1st, 2018.

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CW 11

Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Authors: Delaney Mays	Action on the Bill	
School: Rowan Co. MS	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Morehead	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to permiting casinos and other gaming venues in the state of Kentucky, and to utilize the revenue from these activities to fund the state pensions.

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

Section 1: Although many states have begun to relax state gaming statutes, to permit limited casinos and other gaming venues like card rooms, Kentucky's gambling laws only allow some betting on horse racing. There are currently no full-fledged casinos in Kentucky, and only charitable games are permitted. In the past 10 years, Kentuckians have spent approximately 34 billion dollars at the neighboring casinos in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, which leads to a significant loss of revenue for the Commonwealth. This lost revenue could be used to adequately fund the state pension, which is in the midst of a crisis.

Section 2: Individuals and/or corporations would be allowed to gain a permit to establish a gaming venue with state regulated perimeters. Individual counties will vote on the legalization of gambling within their county.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2018–2019 school year.

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CW 12

Referred to Committee: House 1

Authors: Emily McKenzie, Dante Henneberg, Tia Newsome	Action on the Bill	
School: Rowan Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Morehead	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to requiring all KY playgrounds to be handicap accessible.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to see that playgrounds all across the state of Kentucky are handicap accessible to all people.

Section 2: According to the 2010 census, at least 20 million Americans suffer from some disability. There are approximately 81,363 disabled or handicapped children within the state of Kentucky. There are numerous organizations dedicated to designing accessible playground equipment for handicap and disabled people.

Section 3: This bill will require all Kentucky public school playgrounds to have equipment for handicapped children. Playgrounds will need to have a full access wheelchair ramp and at least one piece of play equipment for handicap children.

Section 4: This bill affects any and all children with a handicap or disability. The funding of this bill will be enforced by the KY Dept. of Education along with grants from outside companies.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020.

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CW 13

Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Action on the Bill

Authors: Marissa Gilchrist, Halle Thompson, James Phelps	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Agatha Academy	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Winchester	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act relating to Banning Moving Across County Lines During a Child Abuse Investigation

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

Section 1: Child abuse, some children face terrible struggles with it. Sadly, 55% of children face some kind of child abuse or neglect. In the state of Kentucky, 24% are under the age of one year. In the past seven years, 8,458 children have been taken to the hospital due to continued abuse. Abuse can take a major mental health toll on children. Depression, anxiety, substance abuse, self-injuries, mental health illness, and suicidal thoughts are the most common of the effects of abuse. Previously abused adults are statistically at higher risk for abusing their own children, perpetuating the cycle of child abuse. As adults, 14% of men and 36% of women were abused or neglected as children.

Section 2: This continued abuse rate can be reduced if those under investigation are banned from moving across county lines until the investigation is finished.

Section 3: There is no additional cost of operation for the implementation of this law.

Section 4: This law will be monitored by the Cabinet for Heal and Human Services, along with the Kentucky State Police.

Section 5: Violation of this law after being proven guilty would be \$12,500 or 7 years imprisonment. It would be marked as a class C felony.

Section 6: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

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CW 14

	Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Aut	thors: Amelia King, Carly Chaudoin, Elizabeth Langhi, Virginia Baker	Action on the Bill	
Sch	ool: Sts. Peter & Paul	House Senate	
Cit	y: Hopkinsville	Defeated Defeated	
1 2	An Act relating to creating an Animal Abuser Registry	in Kentucky	
3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonweal	th of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is ranked the worst state in the abuse and cruelty laws. Currently, there are no laws in Kentucky preventional adopting or purchasing another pet.		

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Section 2: Our bill proposes that the Commonwealth of Kentucky create an online animal abuser registry. If a person is listed on the Animal Abuser Registry, the person would not be allowed to adopt or purchase a pet.

Section 3: Animal shelters, pet stores, pet rescue organizations, and breeders would have access to the animal abuser registry.

Section 4: The animal abusers registry will be located on the Kentucky State Police website.

Section 5: When a person is convicted of abusing an animal, their full name, photo, crimes committed, county, address, and conviction date will be added to the registry. The Kentucky Parole and Probation Office will be responsible for adding the information to the registry.

Section 6: The fees associated with this bill will be minimal as it will only require a computer programmer setting up the database.

Section 7: The Kentucky State Police, Circuit Court, and Parole and Probation Office will enforce this bill.

Section 8: This bill will be enacted six months after the bill is passed.

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CW 15

Referred to Committee: House 2

Authors: Callee Everett, Eva Blankenberger, Nic Luckey	Action	Action on the Bill	
School: Sts. Peter & Paul	House	Senate	
City. Honkinsville	□ Passed	Defeated	

An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky Emergency Operations Centers to establish the capability to receive texts from 911

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

Section 1: Our method of communicating is changing. The method of reporting emergencies should change as well. The ability to text to 911 is an important feature that all Kentucky Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) should have. Our bill is An Act relating to require all Kentucky EOC's to establish the capability to receive texts from 911. In some situations, calling 911 may not be an option or may put the caller at a greater risk. Calling 911 will still be the preferred method of contacting 911. Texting to 911 should only be encouraged as an option if the person has a communication disorder or if the caller would be in danger if heard.

Section 2: The capability for EOC's to receive 911 text messages is made possible through computer system upgrades. Currently, the Federal Communications Commission requires all wireless carriers to deliver 911 emergency text messages to local EOC's. It is up to the local EOC to establish the capability to receive those 911 text messages. If our bill is passed, all EOC's in Kentucky would be required to upgrade their systems to receive 911 text messages.

- Section 3: Kentucky Emergency Management Systems govern all EOC's across the Commonwealth.
- Section 4: Each local EOC will respond to 911 texts in their jurisdiction.
- Section 5: All Kentucky EOC's will be required to upgrade their systems to accept 911 text messages.
- Section 6: If passed, this law will go into effect in January of 2019.

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CW 16

Referred to Committee: House 2

Authors: Elyza Gogol, Emilee Duke, Grace Mattingly		Action on the Bill		
School: Stuart Pepper MS City: Brandenburg		House Senate		
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1 2	An Act relating to excluding any time of discrimination in the Ker	ntucky Civil Rights Act		
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4 5 6 7	Section 1: Currently Kentucky Laws preventing discrimination in the work protection of all people. To prevent the discrimination of all people in Kermake it unlawful to discriminate against anyone according to the Kentuck	To prevent the discrimination of all people in Kentucky's workforce, this bill will		
8 9 10 11	Section 2: Complaints because of discrimination will be taken by the Kent Commission.	ucky Human Rights		
12 13 14 15	Section 3: The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodation against the aforementioned areas based on sex, disability, gender, nation	s. Currently discrimination		
16 17 18	Section 4: The cost would be minimal. It is likely that the additional compl the Kentucky Human Rights Commission's existing budget.	aints could be absorbed into		
19 20	Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1st of 2018.			
21	Section 6: All laws and acts in conflict with this law are hereby repealed.			

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CW 17

Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Authors: Bryce Vessels, Isaac Crosslin, Knya Dielkes, Gabrielle Leonard	Action on the Bill	
School: Stuart Pepper MS	House	Senate
	□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Brandenburg	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to imposing Randomized checks on Kentucky animal shelters by state officials.

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

Section 1: This bill will require randomized checks on Kentucky animal shelters by state officials. Checks will be held at least 3 times a year, once during every 4 month window.

Section 2: The state officials will be required to attend a yearly class educating them on the current state shelter laws, so as to be able to enforce them. These laws will be sent to each animal shelter in writing, along with a warning about the checks and punishments.

Section 3: Consequences for not complying with the state standards are: 1st offense: Warning 2nd offense: Temporary ban from running shelter legally and a fine of \$150 3rd offense: Permanent ban from running animal shelters and a fine of \$250 These consequences will be directed at the individual or group that runs the shelter.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2018.

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City: Elizabethtown

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CW 18

Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Authors: Adeline Aldridge, Makayla Hughes, Samaa Baig, Zaynab Movania	Action on the Bill	
School: T.K. Stone	House	Senate
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An Act relating to legalizing Physician Assisted Dying (PAD) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Currently Physician Assisted Dying (PAD) or the voluntary termination of one's own life by administration of appropriate medications with the assistance of a physician is illegal in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under this act, PAD would be legalized in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. PAD is legal in the states of California, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.

Section 2: This bill would allow patients who are terminally ill to voluntarily apply to a panel for PAD.

Section 3: The panel would consist of three or more medical professionals and three or more attorneys. The panel would review applications and records of patients who have applied for PAD. If the patient's case is found valid, the panel will then notify the patient's acting physician to prescribe the appropriate medication.

Section 4: To be eligible for PAD the patient must be 21 years of age or older and a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The patient must also have a terminal illness or incurable disease in order to apply for PAD.

Section 5: The patient's private insurance, state insurance, or federal insurance will pay for PAD.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect one year after passing.

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CW 19

Referred to Committee: House 1

Authors: Emily Jackson, Grace Thomas, Lillian DeWitt, Molly Nikirk	Action on the Bill	
School: T.K. Stone	House	Senate
	□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Elizabethtown	Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to requiring babysitters in Kentucky to take courses according to the age to the children they will be babysitting.

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

Section 1: An Act relating to require babysitters to take a course/s before babysitting. The first course will be for sitters who plan on babysitting ages newborn to six years old. The next course will be for those who plan on taking care of ages 6 and older. If they would like to take care of all ages they must take both. If they only plan on taking care of one age group, they can take just that corresponding course.

Section 2: The course will contain how to care for the child, in emergencies as big as choking and as small as a tantrum. In this class anyone 18+ who wants to be a caretaker will have to have a background check. These checks will include drug tests, physicals, criminal records, social media searches and more.

Section 3: Each course will be the first Saturday of every month lasting six hours. In Kentucky, there is a health department center in each county. This is where the courses will be offered. Any other place offering this course must abide our these guidelines.

Section 4: The course fee will be \$20. If they still cannot pay, they can take the course, get a job after the course and use the babysitting money they earn to pay the fee. Those who hire an uncertified babysitter will be fined \$100, the babysitter will get this incident put on their record.

Section 5: If enacted our bill will go into effect six months after it is passed.