 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 1</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Kaitlyn Dukes, Reagan Miller, Rileigh Darnold, Keagan Hatton	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Carroll Co. MS							
<b>City:</b> Carrollton							
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1           An Act relating to requiring all school buses in Kentucky to have seat belts in every seat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 2</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Leighton Harris, Grayson Pham, Gabe Fox, Chloe Moore	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1           An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky public schools to commence no earlier than 7:55 a.m.  
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3                           **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5 Section 1: It is a proven fact that teens and adolescents require more sleep than average adults due to  
6 their varying states of growth and development. This proposed bill would require all Kentucky school  
7 districts to adjust their school start times at each level for 7:55 a.m. or later.  
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9 Section 2: This bill is intended to promote student learning, engagement, and alertness while in the  
10 classroom so as to maximize their productivity while in school. With student performance currently  
11 being more scrutinized than ever, this bill would allow for more rested student the opportunity to  
12 absorb higher levels of instruction and understanding.  
13

14 Section 3: School districts not in compliance with this regulation will be faced with losing a portion of  
15 state provided funding. They will be provided with the opportunity to adjust their schedules, and if no  
16 effort has been made; reduced funding will be incurred.  
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18 Section 4: This bill will not require any additional funding by the commonwealth of Kentucky or it's tax  
19 payers.  
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21 Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 3</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Frankfort MS							
<b>City:</b> Frankfort							

1 An Act relating to a tax on soda and all beverages containing a high amount of sugar or high-fructose  
2 corn syrup  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: This tax would cover all sodas, as well as fruit juices, energy drinks, sports drinks, alcoholic  
7 beverages, and any other sugar or high-fructose corn syrup sweetened beverages. The tax rate on the  
8 beverages would be one cent per ounce.  
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10 Section 2: Kentucky ranks #6 in the country for citizens with diabetes. The goal of this tax is to  
11 decrease rates of obesity and diabetes by influencing people to make healthier choices when it comes  
12 to beverages. Soft drinks and other sugary beverages have no nutritional value and only add empty  
13 calories to a person's diet.  
14

15 Section 3: Since taxes bring the government money, the revenue generated would bring in more money  
16 for other government projects. For example, youth leadership activities, community sport leagues, and  
17 after school academic programs could be funded to help the youth to become better people and ensure  
18 their future.  
19

20 Section 4: If consumers decide not to buy sugary drinks because of the tax, they will save money and  
21 calories. Health care costs for diabetes and obesity related illnesses will also be reduced because fewer  
22 people will be consuming these unhealthy beverages.  
23

24 Section 5: Although this bill may hurt soda manufacturing companies financially, it will make citizens  
25 healthier and the government wealthier. Additionally, it may encourage soda companies to create new  
26 and healthier products that may not be taxed.  
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28 Section 6: This tax will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 4</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Ella Abney, Claire Moore, Ella McCutchen, Dorothy Hanson	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                   An Act relating to the care of drug dependent mothers and their babies

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


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

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

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

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

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 5</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Amela Mehmedovic, Brianna Cardwell, Heaven Cozart, Min Naing	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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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.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 6</b>						
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- 1           An Act relating to having all employees of Kentucky school systems drug tested every year.  
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- 3                           **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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- 5   Section 1: All employees (teachers, principals, bus drivers, instructional assistants, etc.) will be required  
6   to take part in multiple standard drug tests every year.  
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- 8   Section 2: Four different tests will be held every year. The employees would not know when each test  
9   would occur or which they would attend.  
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- 11   Section 3: The approximately \$20 cost for the tests will come from federal funding.  
12
- 13   Section 4: If this policy is not followed, the school system or by a specific employee, they would be  
14   punished by a fine. First offense for employee: \$100 fine Second offense for employee: \$200 fine Third  
15   offense for employee: \$400 fine and State official will come and enforce the test First offense for  
16   school system: \$250 fine Second offense for school system: \$500 fine Third offense for school system:  
17   \$1,000 fine and will be visited by state officials who will administer the test.  
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- 19   Section 5: If passed, this bill would go into effect at the start of the next school year.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 7</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Jessica Colley, Gabe Driskill, Jacob Wiles, Caleb Borders	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1        An Act relating to ordering all Kentucky restaurants to provide veterans with two parking spots as  
2 close to an entrance as possible and provide veterans with a 10% discount at all Kentucky restaurants.  
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4                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: The purpose is to make it easier for veterans to access entry into restaurants.

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8 Section 2: Veteran spots will be located directly beside or in front of existing handicap spots.

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10 Section 3: Veteran spots must be within 50 feet of an existing entrance.

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12 Section 4: If the business already exists, the county road department will complete the parking spot  
13 and incur the cost. If the business is opened after the passing of this bill, the business will be  
14 responsible for painting the spots before they are able to open.

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16 Section 5: The parking spot will be identified by a symbol and/or word.

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18 Section 6: The purpose is to make food more affordable as a sign of appreciation for their service to  
19 the country and allow them the opportunity to save money as well.

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21 Section 7: The 10% discount will be on all food items and non-alcoholic beverages.

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23 Section 8: This will be available at all Kentucky restaurants and veterans will provide military ID at the  
24 time of purchase.





 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG 9</b>						
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<b>School:</b> St. Agatha Academy							
<b>City:</b> Winchester							

1 An Act relating to mandating the Participation of Private and Home-schooled Students in Public School  
2 Sports  
3

4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
5

6 Section 1: It can be hard for anyone to find an athletic program, but it is even harder for those of  
7 private schools and home-school programs. Inside private schools, there is not a large selection of  
8 sports programs to choose from. Some schools are so small that they do not have any sports programs  
9 available at all. Not allowing private and home-schooled students participate in public sports programs  
10 penalizes them. They are very much more unlikely to be recognized by college recruiting scouts. Thus,  
11 making their chances of receiving scholarships less likely, and hampering their chances of higher  
12 education. This mandate would benefit public school sports programs by giving coaches a large pool of  
13 students to choose from. Great athletes are always a great financial draw for sports programs.  
14

15 Section 2: All residents of local cities and counties that own property are already paying taxes to  
16 support public school programs. Passing this bill would not cost the Department of Education or  
17 individual schools more money than the current sports program budgets currently are spending.  
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19 Section 3: The Department of Education would be responsible for monitoring this law.  
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21 Section 4: Consequences for violation would be suspension from participation in that particular sport  
22 by the local school district for the duration of one school year.  
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24 Section 5: This law will go into effect May 1, 2018.











 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 2</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Andrew Frye	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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- 1 An Act relating to amending KRS SB 172/FN (BR 1174) to require secondary schools to have at least  
2 30 minutes of physical activity during every day.  
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- 4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
5
- 6 Section 1: In all schools in the state of Kentucky allow for at least 30 minutes of physical activity  
7 during every school day for every student, including disabled students, beginning at the start of the  
8 2018/2019 school year. Currently this only applies to preschools through intermediate schools.  
9
- 10 Section 2: This will require little or no funding due to all schools having open spaces indoors or  
11 outdoors.  
12
- 13 Section 3: The penalty for breaking this law is the removal of state funding from the local school  
14 district, to begin at the start of the 2018/2019 school year.  
15
- 16 Section 4: For the purposes of this bill, physical activity is defined as any body movement that works  
17 your muscles, enhances your health, and requires more energy than resting.


 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 3</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Peyton Hollon, Sydney Cox, Clementine Coomes, Sutton Tyner	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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- 1 An Act relating to Kentucky Veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse to the animal control office  
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- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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- 5 Section 1: This bill requires veterinarians in Kentucky to report animal abuse when seen in their office  
6 to the Animal Control Office.  
7
- 8 Section 2: For the 7th consecutive year, Kentucky has the worst animal cruelty case convictions. The  
9 state's lack of laws makes it easy for criminals to get away with animal abuse. Currently in Kentucky, it  
10 is stated that a veterinarian shall not violate the confidential relationship between the vet and his or  
11 her client, except with a court mandated order. This might not completely stop animal abuse in  
12 Kentucky, but it will give animals a better chance for protection.  
13
- 14 Section 3: No funding is required to enact this law.  
15
- 16 Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Animal Control Office. If a veterinarian sees or suspects  
17 abuse and has evidence of the abuse to the animal, they will be required by law to report the abuse to  
18 the Animal Control Office. If government does not follow this bill animal abuse will continue and  
19 Kentucky will continue to be the worst state at animal protection.  
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- 21 Section 5: This bill will take effect approximately six months after it is passed.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 4</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Elle Moses, Emma Anderson, Tallulah Young, Ria Munnolimath	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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- 1                   An Act relating to requiring all carnival rides to be inspected every three monthes.
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- 3                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 5   Section 1: This bill will require all carnival rides to be inspected by a state inspector every three
- 6   months. The inspection will last 1-3 days, depending on the size and need of the company, and be
- 7   inspected by a state provided official.
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- 9   Section 2: The inspection will include each machine used and operated for rides and should include x-
- 10   rays of welds and joints.
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- 12   Section 3: All inspectors will have undergone a three day training, provided by the state. Inspectors will
- 13   be re-certified each year and must pass a test that shows their qualifications.
- 14
- 15   Section 4: All rides that are operated during the three month time period should show physical proof
- 16   stating that the ride has been inspected by a state officer. The proof of the inspection will be posted
- 17   upon entrance of the ride where it is easily visible to patrons.
- 18
- 19   Section 5: This bill will be funded by the state of Kentucky by the Department of Agriculture.



 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 5</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Ilana Williams, Myka Smith-Jackson, Sarah Mattingly, Sydney Peters	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1 An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky Middle Schools to have an agriculture class elective and offer  
2 the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club to all participants.  
3

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

5  
6 Section 1: Agriculture is our nation's most valuable industry and an important part of our state's  
7 economy. Without it, many of the things we have today wouldn't exist such as food, valuable research  
8 into improving the environment, and technological advances in agriculture.  
9

10 Section 2: Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed  
11 choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources system. By exposing students at a  
12 younger age, they are learning about agricultural science and promoting and enhancing leadership  
13 skills. Agricultural education is a systematic program of instruction available to students desiring to  
14 learn about the science, business, technology of plant and animal production and/or about the  
15 environmental and natural resources systems.null  
16

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 6</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Alaina Alexander, Danyale Atwell, Hallie Cassidy, Caroline Parsley	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                    An Act relating to changing pension guidelines for Kentucky legislators.  
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3                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
4

5 Section 1: The minimum number of years that a Kentucky legislator has to serve in order to draw a  
6 pension is four. This is an issue because no other state employee can serve for less than 20 years and  
7 draw full pension benefits. The state of Kentucky is experiencing a crisis concerning pension funding.  
8 Our state recently contracted with an outside firm to provide suggestions on how to make up the  
9 shortfall. The proposed changes include extending the age for full retirement benefits for hazardous  
10 workers to 60 and 65 for non-hazardous workers, moving retirement withholdings from salaries to a  
11 managed 401k, and taking away all cost of living increases for current retirees, which could  
12 significantly reduce their monthly earnings. The recommendations, however, failed to include changes  
13 to the legislative retirement system.  
14


15 Section 2: This bill will require a minimum of 20 years service in either the House of Representatives or  
16 Senate to qualify for a DB (defined benefit) plan through the state of Kentucky. Legislators who  
17 currently work for the state of Kentucky or have in the past will be impacted. Legislators currently  
18 receiving a defined benefit who did not serve for at least 20 years will lose their pension benefits.  
19

20 Section 3: Funding is not required for this bill. It would, if enacted, help to replenish the DB (defined  
21 benefit) plan.  
22

23 Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees.  
24

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



 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 8</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Brynna Fisk, Caden Ely, Sophia Jones, Emma Eleson	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Highland MS							
<b>City:</b> Louisville							


1                                    An Act relating to the Legalization of Cannabis for Medical Uses

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

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

12  
13   Section 2: The act to legalize the medical use of cannabis restricts people under the age of 18 to  
14   obtain a medical marijuana card, the penalty is being arrested. The fine for public usage is \$350.  
15   Penalty for using for using Marijuana without a medical card is a \$500 fine. The penalty for selling  
16   medical marijuana cards is arrest. A distributor giving medical marijuana to people without a card will  
17   be punished by the revoke of your license. Distributing medical marijuana without a license will result in  
18   your arrest.

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 9</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Holy Spirit ES							
<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1 An Act relating to requiring Shelters to Scan for Microchips Before Euthanization or Adoption.

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


4  
5 Section 1: According to the Animal Control Act 5 11 of Illinois, "When not redeemed by the owner,  
6 agent, or caretaker, a dog or cat must be scanned for a microchip. If a microchip is present, the  
7 registered owner must be notified. After contact has been made or attempted, all animals deemed  
8 adoptable by the animal control facility shall be offered for adoption, or made available to a licensed  
9 humane society or rescue group." In current Kentucky, there are no laws about pet microchipping.

10  
11 Section 2: In accordance with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,  
12 approximately 1.5 million dogs and cats are euthanized each year. "Euthanization" is the act or practice  
13 of ending the life of an animal by lethal injections.

14  
15 Section 3: In order to enact this law, we will get funding from state taxes. The state will only fund  
16 government run shelters. They will provide microchip scanners and software for these shelters. No  
17 other programs will lose money because of this.

18  
19 Section 4: If state run shelters fail to scan pets before euthanization, adoption, or transfer of shelters,  
20 we will have three offenses: - First Offense: Warning and prohibition - Second Offense: Fine of  
21 \$50,000 - Third Offense: Shelter will be shut down.

22  
23 Section 5: Upon passage, this bill to require to scan for pet microchipping in shelters will take effect as  
24 soon as software and equipment is available.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 10</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Brit Buchanan, Ruth Litanda, Agath Irumva, Janet Janet Mashindi	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                    An Act relating to restructuring Anti-Bully Programs in Middle Schools

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

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

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

11  
12                    Section 3: The creation of a new committee, titled the Kentucky Association for Anti-Bullying Education  
13                    (KAABE), will be formed of 1 representative from each of the associated programs in Statute 158.148  
14                    (“(2) in cooperation with the Kentucky Education Association, the Kentucky School Boards Association,  
15                    the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Kentucky Association of Professional  
16                    Educators, the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, the Parent-Teachers Association, the  
17                    Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau, members of the Interim Joint Committee on  
18                    Education, and other interested groups, and in collaboration with the Center for School Safety, the  
19                    Department of Education”). In addition to specialists contracted through the state. This committee will  
20                    be responsible for the research, evaluation and creation of the new standards every year.

21  
22                    Section 4: The curriculum for the new programs will include, but are not limited to:


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

29  
30                    Section 5: A random sample of students and teachers from each school will be given a survey on the  
31                    day following the last day of school, to evaluate the new curriculum. If new criteria fails to hold  
32                    majority satisfaction of public school samples, the KAABE will be given further training and drafting to  
33                    meet the needs of the schools. Failure to perform adequately on revisions will call for re-evaluation of  
34                    the staff committee.

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

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



 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 12</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Emily McKenzie, Dante Henneberg, Tia Newsome	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1 An Act relating to requiring all KY playgrounds to be handicap accessible.

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

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


7  
8 Section 2: According to the 2010 census, at least 20 million Americans suffer from some disability.  
9 There are approximately 81,363 disabled or handicapped children within the state of Kentucky. There  
10 are numerous organizations dedicated to designing accessible playground equipment for handicap and  
11 disabled people.

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

16  
17 Section 4: This bill affects any and all children with a handicap or disability. The funding of this bill will  
18 be enforced by the KY Dept. of Education along with grants from outside companies.

19  
20 Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2020.



 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 13</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Marissa Gilchrist, Halle Thompson, James Phelps	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1           An Act relating to Banning Moving Across County Lines During a Child Abuse Investigation  
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3                           **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5 Section 1: Child abuse, some children face terrible struggles with it. Sadly, 55% of children face some  
6 kind of child abuse or neglect. In the state of Kentucky, 24% are under the age of one year. In the past  
7 seven years, 8,458 children have been taken to the hospital due to continued abuse. Abuse can take a  
8 major mental health toll on children. Depression, anxiety, substance abuse, self-injuries, mental health  
9 illness, and suicidal thoughts are the most common of the effects of abuse. Previously abused adults  
10 are statistically at higher risk for abusing their own children, perpetuating the cycle of child abuse. As  
11 adults, 14% of men and 36% of women were abused or neglected as children.  
12


13 Section 2: This continued abuse rate can be reduced if those under investigation are banned from  
14 moving across county lines until the investigation is finished.  
15

16 Section 3: There is no additional cost of operation for the implementation of this law.  
17

18 Section 4: This law will be monitored by the Cabinet for Heal and Human Services, along with the  
19 Kentucky State Police.  
20

21 Section 5: Violation of this law after being proven guilty would be \$12,500 or 7 years imprisonment. It  
22 would be marked as a class C felony.  
23

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 14</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Amelia King, Carly Chaudoin, Elizabeth Langhi, Virginia Baker	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                                    An Act relating to creating an Animal Abuser Registry in Kentucky

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

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5 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is ranked the worst state in the United States for animal  
6 abuse and cruelty laws. Currently, there are no laws in Kentucky preventing animal abusers from  
7 adopting or purchasing another pet.

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

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

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

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

21


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

24

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

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

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 15</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Callee Everett, Eva Blankenberger, Nic Luckey	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1 An Act relating to requiring all Kentucky Emergency Operations Centers to establish the capability to  
2 receive texts from 911  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
5

6 Section 1: Our method of communicating is changing. The method of reporting emergencies should  
7 change as well. The ability to text to 911 is an important feature that all Kentucky Emergency  
8 Operations Centers (EOC) should have. Our bill is An Act relating to require all Kentucky EOC's to  
9 establish the capability to receive texts from 911. In some situations, calling 911 may not be an option  
10 or may put the caller at a greater risk. Calling 911 will still be the preferred method of contacting 911.  
11 Texting to 911 should only be encouraged as an option if the person has a communication disorder or  
12 if the caller would be in danger if heard.  
13


14 Section 2: The capability for EOC's to receive 911 text messages is made possible through computer  
15 system upgrades. Currently, the Federal Communications Commission requires all wireless carriers to  
16 deliver 911 emergency text messages to local EOC's. It is up to the local EOC to establish the capability  
17 to receive those 911 text messages. If our bill is passed, all EOC's in Kentucky would be required to  
18 upgrade their systems to receive 911 text messages.  
19

20 Section 3: Kentucky Emergency Management Systems govern all EOC's across the Commonwealth.  
21

22 Section 4: Each local EOC will respond to 911 texts in their jurisdiction.  
23

24 Section 5: All Kentucky EOC's will be required to upgrade their systems to accept 911 text messages.  
25

26 Section 6: If passed, this law will go into effect in January of 2019.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 16</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Elyza Gogol, Emilee Duke, Grace Mattingly	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                   An Act relating to excluding any time of discrimination in the Kentucky Civil Rights Act  
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3                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5 Section 1: Currently Kentucky Laws preventing discrimination in the workplace do not include the  
6 protection of all people. To prevent the discrimination of all people in Kentucky's workforce, this bill will  
7 make it unlawful to discriminate against anyone according to the Kentucky Civil Rights Act.  
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9 Section 2: Complaints because of discrimination will be taken by the Kentucky Human Rights  
10 Commission.  
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12 Section 3: The Kentucky Civil Rights Act makes it unlawful to discriminate against people in the areas  
13 of employment, financial transactions, housing and public accommodations. Currently discrimination  
14 against the aforementioned areas based on sex, disability, gender, national origin, age, race or religion.  
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16 Section 4: The cost would be minimal. It is likely that the additional complaints could be absorbed into  
17 the Kentucky Human Rights Commission's existing budget.  
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19 Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1st of 2018.  
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21 Section 6: All laws and acts in conflict with this law are hereby repealed.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 17</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Bryce Vessels, Isaac Crosslin, Khya Dielkes, Gabrielle Leonard	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Stuart Pepper MS							
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- 1 An Act relating to imposing Randomized checks on Kentucky animal shelters by state officials.  
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- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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- 5 Section 1: This bill will require randomized checks on Kentucky animal shelters by state officials. Checks  
6 will be held at least 3 times a year, once during every 4 month window.  
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- 8 Section 2: The state officials will be required to attend a yearly class educating them on the current  
9 state shelter laws, so as to be able to enforce them. These laws will be sent to each animal shelter in  
10 writing, along with a warning about the checks and punishments.  
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- 12 Section 3: Consequences for not complying with the state standards are: 1st offense: Warning 2nd  
13 offense: Temporary ban from running shelter legally and a fine of \$150 3rd offense: Permanent ban  
14 from running animal shelters and a fine of \$250 These consequences will be directed at the individual  
15 or group that runs the shelter.  
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- 17 Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2018.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>CW 18</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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1           An Act relating to legalizing Physician Assisted Dying (PAD) in the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
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3                           **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5   Section 1: Currently Physician Assisted Dying (PAD) or the voluntary termination of one's own life by  
6   administration of appropriate medications with the assistance of a physician is illegal in the  
7   Commonwealth of Kentucky. Under this act, PAD would be legalized in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
8   PAD is legal in the states of California, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington.  
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10   Section 2: This bill would allow patients who are terminally ill to voluntarily apply to a panel for PAD.  
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12   Section 3: The panel would consist of three or more medical professionals and three or more attorneys.  
13   The panel would review applications and records of patients who have applied for PAD. If the patient's  
14   case is found valid, the panel will then notify the patient's acting physician to prescribe the appropriate  
15   medication.  
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17   Section 4: To be eligible for PAD the patient must be 21 years of age or older and a resident of the  
18   Commonwealth of Kentucky. The patient must also have a terminal illness or incurable disease in order  
19   to apply for PAD.  
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21   Section 5: The patient's private insurance, state insurance, or federal insurance will pay for PAD.  
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23   Section 6: This bill will go into effect one year after passing.

