

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG 6						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
Authors: Jaeyln Young, Susanna Moore, Ally Anderson, Rachel Rodgers	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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1 An act to amend current legislation (164.7871) to allow awarded Kentucky Educational Excellence
2 Scholarship (KEES) money to be applicable to career readiness
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: Currently KEES money is earned by students who aim to be college and career ready; however
7 this money is not being utilized for career readiness. The Kentucky Labor Cabinet has a registered list of
8 approved apprenticeship programs. By expanding the KEES fund to apprenticeship programs, the state
9 can direct our own talent and funds to deserving students on career pathways.

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11 Section 2: The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) will enforce this legislation, just
12 as they currently distribute KEES money to other students. The same standards (GPA, residency,
13 citizenship, and exclusion of felons), and specific standards for students who earn a GED, will apply to
14 apprenticeship students for the duration of their education. Kentucky registered apprenticeship programs
15 are those defined by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) and the Kentucky Labor Cabinet
16 (KLC), listed on the KLC website.
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18 Section 3: The funding for KEES money awards is provided by the Kentucky lottery and the Kentucky
19 Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The funding is already in place for the expansion of this
20 program. This bill is not creating need for new funds but redirecting awarded money within the state.
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22 Section 4: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2017-18 school year. Those who are enrolled in
23 an approved apprenticeship program will begin to receive awarded scholarship but not be reimbursed for
24 the prior expenses