





BLUEGRASS BILLS


**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG 1	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Mason Keen, Will Edwards, Jaron Hamby, Graycen Reynolds	Action on the Bill	
School: Allen Co. - Scottsville HS	House	Senate
City: Scottsville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the abolition of payroll taxes for anyone below the age of eighteen
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS, (1) No persons
5 under the age of eighteen years old shall be beholdened to the state levied payroll tax that is upheld by KRS
6 Chapter 141.310. (2) Upon the citizen's eighteenth birthday, the pay period following their birthday will be
7 taxed. (3) Employers shall be responsible for identifying eligible employees through documentation of age
8 and ceasing state payroll tax withholdings for these individuals.
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10 SECTION 2. Any statutes in conflict with this legislation are hereby repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG2	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: chloe Moore, Rebecca Spurlock, Brinkley Bugg	Action on the Bill	
School: Anderson Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Lawrenceburg	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 **An Act Relating To "Non-essential" tax of Feminine Hygiene Products**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: For the purpose of this bill, Menstrual products are defined as hygiene products used to manage
- 5 the monthly shedding of the uterine lining.
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- 7 Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 340 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) Menstrual
- 8 products will not be included on the Non-essential tax within Kentucky.(2) This is a continuation of KRS
- 9 Chapter 340 (3)The tax would then be changed by not ever taxing Menstrual products for the future years.
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- 11 Section 3: This law will go into effect beginning January 2026.
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- 13 Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG3						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Eh Skiter, Amaya Mattingly-Civils, Jaleece Clayton	Action on the Bill						
School: Apollo HS							
City: Owensboro							
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1 An Act Relating to the Requirement of Naloxone in All Public High Schools and Public Institutes of Higher
2 Education

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

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5 Section 1: Currently, Kentucky’s Cabinet for Health and Family Services only encourages that each school has
6 access to naloxone (an opioid antagonist) and keeps it in a minimum of two (2) locations. This bill would
7 require all public high schools and public institutes of higher education to keep Naloxone on campus.


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9 Section 2: According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), drug overdose deaths among teenagers ages
10 14-18 increased by 94% between 2019 and 2020. These overdose deaths are the result of increases in
11 access to illicit fentanyl, counterfeit pills, vape cartridges, and marijuana laced with fentanyl.

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13 Section 3: An opioid antagonist means naloxone or any other United States Food and Drug Administration-
14 approved drug designed to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.


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16 Section 4: This bill amends KRS 217.186 which says “the board of each local public school district and the
17 governing body of each private and parochial school or school district may permit a school to keep naloxone
18 on the premises and regulate the administration of naloxone to any individual suffering from an apparent
19 opiate-related overdose.

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21 Section 5: Schools would cover the funding for these kits from their Health Services funds

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23 Section 6: This act will take effect on June 30th, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG4	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Lola Myers, Zoe Englert, Stella May	Action on the Bill	
School: Atherton HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To the sale of highly caffeinated energy drinks to minors**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A new section of KRS Chapter 217 is created to read as follows:
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6 (1)No person, business, or retailer should sell or distribute an energy drink containing more than one
7 hundred (100) milligrams of caffeine per 12 fl. oz. container to any individual under the age of eighteen (18).
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9 (2)For the purposes of this section, an “energy drink”is defined as a beverage that:
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11 (a) Is marketed or labeled for the purpose of increasing energy, alertness, or focus, and
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13 (b) Contains caffeine, guarana, taurine, ginseng, or other stimulant compounds in combination with sugar or
14 artificial sweeteners.
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16 (3)Retailers shall be required to verify age by valid government-issued identification before selling an energy
17 drink containing more than one hundred (100) milligrams of caffeine in a 12 fl oz can.
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19 (4)This section shall not apply to beverages such as coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, which are primarily
20 prepared from natural ingredients and not marketed as energy drinks.
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22 Section 2. ANY STATUE CONTRARY TO THIS ACT SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED
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24 Section 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG5						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Addie Marie Walter, Ella Geissler, Makenna Holbrook, Greta Raderer	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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School: Ballard HS							
City: Louisville							

1 An Act Relating To qualified immunity for law enforcement officers
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 SECTION 1. Qualified immunity is a legal defense that shields government officials, like police officers, from
5 being sued for actions taken while performing their duties, unless the official violated a "clearly established"
6 statute or constitutional right. It protects officials from liability unless their conduct violates a law that is so
7 well-known that a reasonable person would know their actions were illegal. The defense was created to
8 allow officials to do their jobs without fear of constant lawsuits, but it is controversial because critics argue
9 it shields misconduct and makes it difficult for victims to seek justice, especially since it requires plaintiffs to
10 show a prior case with nearly identical facts to prove a violation.

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12 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 16 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: It shall not be a defense or
13 immunity to any action brought against an employee or agent of a local or state law enforcement institution
14 in his or her official capacity that employee or agent:
15 – Acted in good faith and within the scope of his or her employment or authority in exercising discretion and
16 judgment or personal deliberation in performing an act or omission

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18 2. Believed, reasonably or otherwise, that his or her conduct was lawful at the time when it was
19 committed;or

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21 3. Deprived legal rights, privileges, or immunities, by an act or omission, that were not clearly established at
22 the time of their deprivation, or that the state of the law was otherwise such that the employee or agent
23 could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful

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25 SECTION 3: Although in the case of self-defense, this bill will be tabled. When a killing is legally proven to be
26 in self-defense, it is considered a "justifiable homicide," not a crime. If the officer is able to prove it was self
27 defense, with liable evidence (such as video recording, images, etc…). Then this bill would be
28 reconsidered in the courtroom.

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30 SECTION 4 : If any government official fails to enforce this, their position in Kentucky legislature will be
31 reconsidered or revoked.

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33 SECTION 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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35 SECTION 6: This bill will go into effect on June 7th, 2026.

	Blue BG6						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Will Thomas, Gabe Berry, Aiden O'Bryan	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="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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School: Bardstown HS							
City: Bardstown							

1 An Act Relating to the Maintenance, Improvement, and Expansion of Public Transit Infrastructure in
2 Kentucky

3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Public transportation is essential for Kentucky's economic growth, environmental sustainability, and equitable
6 access to employment, education, and healthcare. Approximately half of residents lack reliable daily transit. This law
7 requires regular reviews and improvements to ensure transit services are consistent, efficient, and accessible to all
8 communities.


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10 Section 2: Every five years, county governments must conduct a comprehensive review of their transit systems to
11 assess the condition of assets, service effectiveness, gaps, and community needs based on projected growth. These
12 reviews should identify necessary repairs, upgrades, timelines for improvements, accessibility needs for disabled and
13 low-income residents, and strategies for environmental sustainability. County governments with populations over
14 10,000 are required to operate at least one reliable bus or train line. Improvement plans must be submitted to the
15 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet within six months for review and assistance.

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17 Section 3: The Transportation Cabinet will collaborate with local governments and transit authorities to develop and
18 update a statewide public transportation accessibility plan. This plan will set annual targets measuring residents'
19 proximity to transit stops, access to jobs and essential services within 30 to 60 minutes by transit, usage rates, service
20 frequency, accessibility for senior citizens over the age of 60, disabled residents, fare equity, rider satisfaction, and
21 operating costs. Data will be collected and annual progress reports released by July 1.


22
23 Section 4: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet shall oversee implementation and compliance, provide technical
24 assistance, facilitate access to federal and state funding, and monitor infrastructure programs. The Cabinet will submit
25 an annual report to the General Assembly detailing local government compliance, completed improvements, and
26 progress toward targets. Local governments that fail to comply may have state transportation funds withheld until they
27 meet requirements.

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29 Section 5: A competitive grant program will be established to fund local transit improvements, prioritizing projects that
30 serve underserved populations, promote sustainability, and are cost-effective. The Cabinet will actively pursue federal
31 and other funding to supplement state resources. An initial appropriation of \$5,000,000 is allocated for fiscal year
32 2026-2027, with unused funds allowed to carry over. This Act takes effect on July 1 following its passage.


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34 Section 6: Any conflicting sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes will be amended or repealed to align with this Act

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG7	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Scarlett Huang, Emma Insko, Laney Warner	Action on the Bill	
School: Bourbon Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Paris	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 **An Act Relating To Mandatory Crisis Intervention Training Annually for Law Enforcement**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Section 1: Currently law enforcement is required to complete 40 hours of continuing education which will
- 5 now include 8 hours of crisis intervention training per KRS 15.404 Basic training and in-service training for
- 6 peace officers and constables.
- 7
- 8 Section 2: Law enforcement needs to have a better skill set when interacting with persons with mental
- 9 illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders in order to de-escalate a
- 10 situation where a person is in crisis to assist in leading to a productive encounter.
- 11
- 12 Section 3: Current training for law enforcement is through the DOCJT;the course offerings will be adjusted to
- 13 accommodate this requirement and it will continue to be tracked through the LETRS system. Continuing
- 14 Education is currently the financial responsibility of the state, so other than altering where the funding is
- 15 allocated, no additional funding is required.
- 16
- 17 Section 4: This bill will take effect January 1, 2027.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG8	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lucy Critchelow, Evie Masterson, Emma Drane, Ella Brockman	Action on the Bill	
School: Breckinridge Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Excused Mental Health Days for Public School Students**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: AN AMENDED SECTION OF KRS 159.035, SUBSECTION 7 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Each student
5 enrolled in a public school in the Commonwealth shall be entitled to three (3) excused absences per academic
6 year for mental health purposes—including anxiety, depression, stress, or other emotional or
7 psychological reasons—in addition to regular sick days. A physician’s note shall not be required for
8 these absences unless a student uses more than three (3) mental health days in a school year. Students shall
9 be allowed to make up all missed work without penalty, and such absences shall not negatively affect grades,
10 class participation, or attendance records. Mental health absences shall not count toward truancy or be
11 subject to disciplinary action.
12
13 Section 2: The General Assembly finds that mental health challenges among Kentucky students are
14 increasing. According to the Kentucky Incentive for Prevention (KIP) survey, approximately forty percent
15 (40%) of high school students report struggling with anxiety or depression. Nearly thirty percent (30%) of
16 these students are chronically absent, missing ten percent (10%) or more of school days, often due to mental
17 health issues. Students with untreated mental health challenges are twice as likely to fail a grade compared
18 to peers without such struggles
19
20 Section 3: This bill would require no additional funding for implementation.
21
22 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall oversee and ensure compliance with this bill.
23
24 Section 5: Each local school district shall ensure that all schools comply with the provisions of this Act. If
25 noncompliance is identified during attendance audits or district reviews, the district shall submit relevant
26 attendance records to the Kentucky Department of Education for review. Any mental health absences not
27 properly excused shall be corrected by the district.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG9	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Mary Hopper, Cassidy Magness, Allyssa Taylor	Action on the Bill	
School: Breckinridge Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Requiring Student Representation on Local Boards of Education as Youth Advisors
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: KRS 160.342 Youth
5 advisors to local boards of education.
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7 Each local board of education in the Commonwealth shall appoint two youth advisors to serve on the board.
8 Candidates must be current sophomores, juniors, or seniors who have been enrolled in a district high school
9 for at least one year and who demonstrate leadership, academic achievement, and a commitment to
10 representing their peers. The superintendent or their designee shall collect all student applications.
11 Applications that meet the eligibility requirements shall be forwarded to the local board of education for
12 review. The local board shall review eligible applications and appoint two students to serve as youth
13 advisors, with one selected by the board and one recommended by the district’s student body through an
14 election or nomination process. Youth advisors shall attend all public meetings of the board, sit with its
15 members, and may offer input subject to the direction of the chairperson. Youth advisors shall receive all
16 non-confidential meeting materials provided to board members and shall comply with the same standards of
17 conduct and confidentiality. Youth advisors shall be non-voting members of the board and shall not be
18 counted toward a quorum. The term of service for a youth advisor shall be one school year, beginning on or
19 before September 1 of each year. A youth advisor shall not vote on any matter before the board, attend
20 closed or executive sessions of the board as described in KRS 6 1.810, be held liable for any act or omission
21 in their capacity as a youth advisor, or receive compensation or reimbursement for service.
22
23 Section 2: The General Assembly finds that fewer than half of Kentucky students feel they have a voice in
24 their schools, and by twelfth grade, that number drops to approximately thirty-seven percent (37%).
25 Research indicates that students who participate in school decision-making are seven times more likely to be
26 motivated to learn and eight times more likely to be engaged in their education. While Kentucky has
27 established a Commissioner’s Student Advisory Council, there is currently no formal structure for student
28 representation at the local level. According to research from Tufts University, students who feel their voices
29 are valued in high school are significantly more likely to vote and participate in civic life as adults.
30
31 Section 3: This bill shall require no additional funding.
32
33 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall oversee and ensure compliance with this Act.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG11	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Chloe Cook, Brooklyn Aubrey, Sophie Warrell	Action on the Bill	
School: Central Hardin HS	House	Senate
City: Cecilia	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Elections and the Elimination of Straight-Ticket Voting in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 118 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5
6 (1) In all regular elections in the Commonwealth of Kentucky the option to cast a “straight political
7 party” vote for all partisan candidates on the ballot shall be eliminated.
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9 (2) Ballots for partisan elections shall require each voter to cast a vote individually for each candidate office,
10 rather than by a single party-line selection.
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12 (3) The changes required by this Section shall apply starting with the first general election held after the
13 effective date of this Act.
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15 Section 2. The Secretary of State, in cooperation with the State Board of Elections, shall revise ballot forms,
16 voting machine programming, and voter instructions to conform to Section 1 of this Act, and shall provide
17 public information to educate voters about the elimination of the straight-ticket option.
18
19 Section 3. Any statute or regulation that conflicts with this Act is hereby amended or repealed to the extent
20 of the conflict.
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22 Section 4. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG12						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Madelynn Folger, Carter Jane Wilson, Madelynn Folger, Carter Jane Wilson	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%;"> <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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School: Christian Co. HS							
City: Hopkinsville							

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AN ACT relating to senior drivers licenses renewal guidelines
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1: Seniors 70 years or older in Kentucky have to re-take road skills tests with the renewal of citizen's drivers license. Striving to protect Kentucky citizens while on the road.


SECTION 2: While making the Seniors of Kentucky re-take the road skills test, this will lower the current rate of accidents caused by senior drivers and make sure senior citizens are still eligible to drive on the road. In Kentucky, seniors aged 65 years and older account for 10.5% of statewide car accidents. This percentage is equal to 42,915 car accidents caused by senior citizens. While people may believe the cost of this bill isn't supportable, the cost of 15 dollars for the road-skills test will go to the DMV employee hosting this test, which still covers the federal wage for the minimum wage of federal workers. This bill goes hand and hand with House Bill 439 that came into effect this year about requiring Kentucky citizens to take a vision test with the renewal of their license. Along with being able to take the road skills test with license renewal, this makes the process most simplest and organized. Around age 70, fatal crashes per mile notably rise and increase with older age.

SECTION 3: For example, places like New Hampshire have similar guidelines for senior drivers, and currently, New Hampshire has one of the lowest rates of car accidents caused by elderly drivers. Kentucky is currently ranked 17th in total senior citizens involvement in car accidents out of the 50 states in the US. Including that Kentucky currently is having an increase in senior citizens in the state. With the deep increase of Kentucky elders along with the rising rate of car accidents in our state, this bill will essentially protect us Kentuckians, senior citizens, and our lives.


SECTION 4: This bill will go into effect by January 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG13	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jackson Downey, Solomon Maddux, Kolton Parker, Max Ray	Action on the Bill	
School: Christian Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **AN ACT to protect the presumption of innocence in publication of arrest records**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 **SECTION 1:**
5 The purpose of this act is to protect the rights of individuals who have been arrested but not yet proven
6 guilty, by restricting the publication of mugshots and arrest records in public forums. This act reinforces the
7 principle of "innocent until proven guilty" and seeks to prevent social and professional harm caused by
8 premature public disclosure
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10 **SECTION 2:**
11 No law enforcement agency shall publicly release a mugshot of an arrested person until the individual has
12 been convicted in a court of law. Exceptions may be made only when the individual poses an immediate
13 threat to public safety, as determined by a court order.
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15 **SECTION 3:**
16 Entities that violate this act may be subject to civil fines not exceeding \$5,000 per violation and may be
17 liable for damages to the affected individual.
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19 **SECTION 4:**
20 This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG14						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Autumn Carr, Tessa Moles, Bartolo Pascual, Kristen Winningham	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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School: Clinton Co. HS							
City: Albany							


1 AN ACT RELATING TO IMPROVING OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE KENTUCKY FOSTER CARE
2 SYSTEM
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 ensure the safety, stability, and well-being of children in Kentucky’s foster care system
6 through improved oversight, transparency, and support for foster families and caseworkers.
7
8 Section 2: Establishment of the Foster Care Oversight Program (FCOP)
9 A. The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) shall establish a statewide Foster Care Oversight Program (FCOP) to
10 monitor foster placements and ensure accountability.
11 B. Each county or region shall have a local oversight team composed of:
12 One retired or current social worker
13 One licensed therapist or counselor
14 One community volunteer approved by CHFS
15 One former foster youth (age 18–25)
16 C. The oversight team will conduct quarterly reviews of local foster homes and agencies, focusing on child welfare, placement stability,
17 and foster parent compliance.
18
19 Section 3: Caseworker Support and Caseload Limits
20 A. To reduce burnout and increase attention to each child, no caseworker shall be assigned more than fifteen (15) active foster cases
21 at one time.
22 B. The state shall allocate funds to hire additional caseworkers where necessary to meet this requirement.
23 C. Caseworkers will receive annual mental health support and professional development training focused on trauma-informed care
24 and communication.
25
26 Section 4: Foster Parent Training and Accountability
27 A. All foster parents must complete annual re-certification training, which includes updates on trauma care, discipline policies, and
28 cultural sensitivity.
29 B. Foster homes found in repeated violation of CHFS safety or care guidelines may lose their license and be barred from reapplying for
30 a minimum of three (3) years.
31
32 Section 5: Transparency and Reporting
33 A. The FCOP will publish an annual public report summarizing foster care conditions, including statistics on placement stability,
34 reported incidents, and review outcomes.
35 B. The report shall be accessible to the public via the CHFS website to promote transparency and accountability.
36
37 Section 6: Funding
38 A. Funding for this program will come from Reallocation of unused administrative funds within CHFS.
39 B. Funds will be used primarily for hiring new caseworkers, establishing oversight boards, and training programs.
40
41 Section 7: Severability Clause
42 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this act is found unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall
43 remain in effect.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG15	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Maddy McKague, Adelyn Adams, Ailey Coe	Action on the Bill	
School: Corbin HS	House	Senate
City: Corbin	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To special education funding
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 157 is created to read as follows: (1) All public schools in Kentucky
5 must create a separate funding reserve for special education departments. (2) All public schools must
6 allocate a minimum of 6% of the district’s total annual budget towards the special education reserve yearly.
7
8 Section 2: To ensure equity between special needs students, each school’s special education budget must
9 equate to \$20,000 per special education student. Should a school’s allocated budget of 6% not equate to
10 \$20,000 per special education student, then they may make up the difference by applying for the already
11 established SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funds.
12
13 Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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15 Section 4: This Act takes effect at the beginning of each school’s new fiscal year, 2026-2027

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG16	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ally Martin, Maeson Martin, Ruby Peek, Emma Butler	Action on the Bill	
School: Crittenden Co. HS		
City: Marion		
	House	Senate
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- 1 **An Act Relating To Mandatory CPR Certifications For Educators**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: All educators are required to be cardiopulmonary resuscitation certified
- 5 (CPR certified).
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- 7 Section 2: All CPR certifications are to be renewed biannually in accordance with CPR certification
- 8 requirements. This renewal should take place before the upcoming school year of the biannual year.
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- 10 Section 3: This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG17						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Lincoln Wilburn, Tilly Osborne, Jack Mayes, Jayden Ritchie	Action on the Bill						
School: Estill Co. HS							
City: Irvine							
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1 **An Act Relating To Establish the Rural Education Technology Grant Program**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER KRS 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The purpose of this bill is to
5 give equal opportunity throughout urban and rural schools, by closing the technology gap using unspent education
6 funds in Kentucky to upgrade Wi-Fi, give better devices (Laptops, iPads, Smartboards, etc.) and give easier access to
7 modern learning devices in small/rural districts.
8
9 Section 2: In FY2024, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDA) reported \$156.3 million seek surplus. From 2020
10 to 2024, over \$250 million in SEEK funds went unused, according to an audit. The SEEK funds were put in place to
11 support educational enhancement in Kentucky. Fayette County received approximately \$15,000 per student, but rural
12 districts such as Estill and Owsley received only \$11,000-\$12,000. This leaves students in smaller school districts
13 behind with fewer resources and learning tools.
14
15 Section 3: This program will be funded by taking 30% of the SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) surplus
16 from the previous fiscal year. This would provide \$46,890,000 to divide amongst the 390 rural schools that qualify.
17 Each would receive \$119,562 annually (estimated.)
18
19 Section 4: A school district will qualify for the RETGP if the district is located in a county with a population less than
20 50,000 and the district's average daily attendance is less than 600.
21
22 Section 5: Grant funds will be used for approved educational technology purposes, such as upgrading WiF, the
23 purchase/repair of classroom devices, and providing teacher training in technology. These funds may not be used for
24 administrative salaries or non-educational expenses.
25
26 Section 6 : Every participating district will need to submit an annual report to the Kentucky Department of Education
27 (KDE) stating how funds were used and how students benefited. This report will also include the current internet
28 bandwidth and coverage, number and condition of student devices, and the availability of digital learning tools and
29 platforms. Districts who fail to follow spending guidelines could lose eligibility in future years.
30
31 Section 7: This Act shall take effect July 1, 2026, and the first round of grant applications shall open no later than
32 October 1, 2025.
33
34 Section 8: Effective July 1, 2026, the state income tax shall increase by 0.5%, with all revenue being used to increase
35 seek funding by 14%. With a 14% increase, this will provide an additional \$21,882,000 to SEEK.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG18	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Christine Banks, Aaliyah Daniel, Gabriella Maldonado, Addy Taylor	Action on the Bill	
School: George Rogers Clark HS	House	Senate
City: Winchester	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Mandating Sexual Trafficking Prevention Education in High Schools around Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156.095 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All high
5 school students will be required to take a health class that provides them with adequate information on the
6 signs and prevention of sexual trafficking. (2) Parents and guardians will be aware of this part in the
7 curriculum and will have the opportunity to opt their student out of the proposed lessons. (3) While schools
8 may determine their own instructional schedules, they must spend at least two days on the subject to ensure
9 proper comprehension from the students on the awareness, signs, and prevention of sexual trafficking.
10
11 Section 2. The Kentucky Board of Education shall be responsible for the specific inclusions and design of this
12 standard and each county shall be responsible for the training of teachers in each high school.
13
14 Section 3. This bill will go into effect with the start of the 2026-2027 school year and will be introduced to
15 administrators and faculty through the Vector Solutions training program or similar platforms.
16
17 Section 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Blue | BG19

Referred to Committee:
House

Sponsors: Jackson Barrick, Trace Brooking, Ashelynnne Graves, Meghan Griffin

School: Glasgow HS

City: Glasgow

Action on the Bill

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Senate

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1 An Act Relating To Future Readiness Classes

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

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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.1412 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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6 Kentucky high schools will provide adequate schooling in the topics of understanding contracts and fine
7 print, the healthcare system and healthcare providers, along with simple home and vehicle maintenance.

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9 (1) It is requested that the Department of Education provide funding for each high school to provide this
10 class along with its needed materials.

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12 (2) It is requested that funds to high schools be at a minimum of \$60,000.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG20						
		Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Landon Welch, Zane Collins		Action on the Bill <table> <thead> <tr> <th>House</th> <th>Senate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Hazard HS								
City: Hazard								


1 An Act Relating To Retail Food Waste
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1- A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS 217.125 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS an act that will take
5 place by having retail stores donate the food that they do not sell due to uniformity and expectations of
6 food products already sold. This bill will include these stores donating this food by having a representative
7 from a nonprofit organization collect the food and gift it to individuals with low or nonexistent income.
8
9 Section 2- This relief only applies to foods such as canned goods or produce that is perfectly safe to eat.
10 Stores mainly prevent the sale of food that is off in color, a little under or over in ripeness, has misprinted
11 labels, or food being sold by its "best by" date even though it's not expired. This food, despite being safe to
12 eat, gets thrown out by retail stores everyday. This food will be given to a representative of a nonprofit
13 organization who will then give the food to people with little or no income. This bill will be tax deductible by
14 6.5% of projected profits from food donated by the store to the local representative.
15
16 Section 3- This bill will go into effect on September 21 2026, and will include these businesses donating the
17 food products that the stores choose not to or don't sell by "best by/use by" date. This food will be
18 placed on trucks from the organizations and will be gifted to people with little or no income, while the
19 corporation will get tax deductions for their donations.

	Blue BG21	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Tamyla Chenault, Gwen Dalibor, Caitlyn Douglas	Action on the Bill	
School: Lafayette HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To the Implementation of Students as Non-Voting Members of School Boards
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All Kentucky
5 district school boards shall have two (2) student representatives to serve as non-voting members of the
6 board. (2) The student representatives may attend meetings, participate in discussions, and propose agenda
7 items. They shall not vote on board actions nor be counted toward a quorum. (3) Students must be in
8 eleventh (11th) or twelfth (12th) grade, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have no violent- or drug-use-
9 related office referrals. (4) To apply, students shall submit a three-hundred (300) to six-hundred (600) word
10 essay explaining their interest in serving and qualifications, a letter of recommendation from a current
11 teacher, and a brief information survey. (5) An Application Council, created by the Superintendent to review
12 applications and consisting of at least one (1) school administrator, one (1) current teacher, and one (1)
13 community member, shall evaluate the applications with an unbiased rubric, then select a smaller group of
14 students to interview with an administrator from a high school, a current school board member, and the
15 district superintendent. The Application Council shall choose two (2) students to serve as representatives for
16 the academic school year. The Council will serve for one academic year, existing only to review applications
17 for student representatives. (6) A student representative may serve a total of two (2) terms, with each term
18 lasting one (1) academic year. Students must reapply to serve a second term. Applications and interviews
19 shall occur in the spring semester, and terms shall begin at the start of the following academic year. (6) If a
20 student representative misses more than two (2) regularly scheduled board meetings within a school year, or
21 fails to fulfill their responsibilities as a student representative, they may be removed by the Application
22 Council and replaced by another student.
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24 Section 2. This Act shall take effect beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year.
25
26 Section 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

	Red BG22	
	Referred to Committee: House	
	Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Ella Bales, Ellee Marksbury, Abby Shaw, Colleen Miller	House	Senate
School: LaRue Co. HS	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
City: Hodgenville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Public School Curriculum
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 158.141 is created to read as follows: Beginning with the entering
5 nine grade class of the 2029-2030 school year, and each year thereafter, graduation requirements for each
6 student in every public high school in Kentucky graduating with a regular diploma shall include successful
7 completion of either:
8
9 (A) A one-half (1/2) credit course in family and consumer sciences offered in-person
10 (B) A one-half (1/2) credit course in family and consumer sciences offered online
11
12 Section 2: A local board of education shall determine which option under subsection (1) of this section shall
13 be required for graduates of the school district.
14
15 Section 3: Students pursuing an early graduation program as established in KRS 158.142 shall complete the
16 requirement prior to the student's graduation.
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18 Section 4: The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with
19 KRS 156.160 to establish academic standards and uniform academic course codes.
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21 Section 5: This Act takes effect 90 days after signed into law.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG23						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Lily Whitaker, Yeva Enderle	Action on the Bill <table border="0"> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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School: Logan Co. HS							
City: Russellville							

- 1 **An Act Relating To the Funding to Alleviate Homelessness**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5
6 1. Program allocating money towards existing homeless shelters, allowing more access to resources.
7
8 2. Areas of focus include ease of access of resources including transportation, therapy, and safety.
9
10 3. Funding will be allocated from the budget of the Cabinet of Health and Family Services.
11
12 4. Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.
13
14 5. This act shall take place July 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG24						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Patrick Carpenter, Aiden Everman, Arabella Prater	Action on the Bill <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td align="center">House</td> <td align="center">Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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School: Mason Co. HS							
City: Maysville							

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An Act Relating To Establishing A Tax Free Holiday
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: From August 1st to August 7th, there will be a tax holiday, removing taxes from school supplies and clothing. There will be no set cap on how much one customer may purchase before taxes are reapplied.


Section 2: School supplies are those products that are required to succeed in school activities, projects, assignments, etc., excluding electronic devices. Examples of such products include backpacks, folders, notebooks, and writing utensils. Clothing includes, but is not limited to, any apparel, sports wear, and diapers.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Revenue will ensure that sales tax is removed in every store location on the items previously mentioned.

Section 4: This act will take effect beginning in the year 2026.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG25	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ragan King, , Presley Ledford	Action on the Bill	
School: Montgomery Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To abolishing taxation of feminine hygiene products.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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6 [1] as used in this section, "feminine hygiene products" means tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual sponges,
7 menstrual cups, and similar menstrual hygiene products.
8
9 [2]Feminine hygiene products shall be exempt from the state sales and use tax in the Commonwealth of
10 Kentucky.
11
12 Section 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
13
14 Section 3 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026 to allow sufficient time for state and local revenue
15 departments to implement the exemption and update tax collection systems accordingly.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG26	
		Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Piper Murphy, Leah Olsanski, Violet Kelley		Action on the Bill	
School: New Albany HS		House	Senate
City: New Albany		<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Tax Incentives for Grocery Stores in Food Deserts**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

- 3
- 4 Section 1: A new section of the KRS shall be created to allow for grocery stores to become eligible for tax incentives.
- 5
- 6 Section 2: This act seeks to promote access to fresh and affordable food by supporting the sustainability of small and independent grocery stores in
7 underserved or economically distressed communities, encourage economic development and job creation by reducing the tax burden on locally owned
8 grocery retailers with an assessed property value of less than two million dollars, strengthen local economies by helping small grocery stores remain
9 competitive against large retail chains, address food insecurity by incentivizing the continued operation and establishment of grocery stores in rural
10 and low-income urban areas of the Commonwealth, and ensure the equitable distribution of tax benefits to businesses that contribute directly to
11 community well-being and access to essential goods.
- 12
- 13 Section 3: Grocery stores may become eligible for tax incentives provided under this section if the store has an assessed real property value of less
14 than two million dollars as determined by the county property valuation administrator, is primarily engaged in the retail sale of food and grocery items
15 for home consumption, and maintains a valid business license, and is in good standing with the Kentucky Department of Revenue.
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- 17 Section 3: Terms shall include:
- 18 - food desert: a census tract or similarly recognized geographic area in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that meets criteria defined by the United
19 States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as lacking access to affordable and nutritious food, particularly areas with low-income and low-access
20 populations.
- 21 - qualified grocery store: a retail business that offers for sale a broad variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, meats, and other staple food items,
22 allocates at least 30% of its floor space to the sale of perishable food items, is located within a designated food desert as defined by the Kentucky
23 Department of Public Health in consultation with the USDA, and is a grocery store with an assessed value of under 2 million dollars.
- 24
- 25 Section 4: Businesses seeking to qualify for incentives under this Act shall submit an application to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development,
26 including: a business plan detailing operations within the food desert area, documentation of location within a designated food desert, and a proposed
27 breakdown of eligible costs. The Cabinet for Economic Development shall coordinate with the Department for Public Health to verify food desert
28 designation and eligibility. The Cabinet shall review applications within 90 days and may approve, deny, or request modifications.
- 29
- 30 Section 5: Notwithstanding any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the contrary, the state property tax rate applicable to eligible grocery
31 stores shall be eight cents (\$0.08) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value. This rate shall apply in comparison to the standard rate of ten
32 and six-tenths cents (\$0.106) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value. Approved businesses may use these incentives for up to three years.
- 33
- 34 Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Revenue shall be the principal agency responsible for the financial administration and enforcement of the tax
35 provisions of this Act. The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development shall be responsible for defining and certifying eligible properties.
- 36
- 37 Section 6: The Act shall take effect on December 31, 2025 and shall expire on December 31, 2035 unless extended by the action of the General
38 Assembly. A comprehensive review shall be conducted by the Legislative Research Commission no later than December 31, 2034.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG27	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Mara Gibson, Olivia Powers, Margot Shallcross	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed
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**An Act Relating To to animal welfare and shelter standards
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) This Act may be cited as the "Kentucky Animal Welfare and Lifesaving Act."
- (2) All animal-sheltering facilities licensed to operate within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall adhere to a "no-kill" philosophy.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, a "no-kill" philosophy requires that euthanasia shall not be performed on any healthy or treatable dog or cat for reasons of time, space, or convenience.
- (4) Euthanasia shall be reserved exclusively for animals who are irremediably suffering from a medical condition or those with irremediable behavioral issues that pose a documented danger to public safety.
- (5) Sheltering facilities shall establish comprehensive, evidence-based programs, which shall include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) High-volume, low-cost spay and neuter services;
 - (b) Effective adoption and marketing campaigns;
 - (c) Expanded community foster programs;
 - (d) Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) initiatives for community cats;and
 - (e) Medical and behavioral rehabilitation for special-needs animals.
- (6) A "no-kill" benchmark is hereby defined as a ninety percent (90%) "live release rate" for all municipal and privately contracted animal shelters. This benchmark shall be calculated and transparently reported on an annual basis.

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The "Kentucky Animal Shelter Improvement Fund" is hereby established within the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.
- (2) The fund shall be comprised of initial seed money from state appropriations, federal grants, private donations, and proceeds from fines collected under this Act.
- (3) The fund shall be utilized to establish a competitive grant program for Kentucky's animal shelters to support lifesaving initiatives.
- (4) The Department of Agriculture shall oversee the fund, review grant applications, and provide technical assistance to shelters transitioning to the no-kill model. The Animal Control Advisory Board shall provide guidance for the distribution of these funds.

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:


- (1) Within six (6) months of the bill's passage, every shelter shall submit a detailed transition plan to the Department of Agriculture, outlining the strategy for achieving and sustaining the ninety percent (90%) live release rate.
- (2) The Department of Agriculture shall conduct annual audits and inspections of animal shelters to ensure compliance with the mandated live release rate.
- (3) All records related to animal intake, outcomes, and euthanasia shall be transparent and publicly accessible.
- (4) Penalties for non-compliance are established as follows:
 - (a) Initial violation: A shelter failing to meet the benchmark or provisions of this Act shall receive a corrective action plan from the Department of Agriculture.
 - (b) Continued non-compliance: Shelters failing to remedy non-compliance may face fines, lose eligibility for the Kentucky Animal Shelter Improvement Fund, and face suspension of their operational license. Fines for continued non-compliance shall range from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the first offense and may increase to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for repeat violations. All fines collected shall be deposited into the Animal Shelter Improvement Fund.
 - (c) Intentional violations: Any shelter official or staff member found misrepresenting data shall be charged with official misconduct, resulting in a Class A Misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class D Felony for subsequent offenses. Any deliberate convenience euthanasia shall be prosecuted as animal cruelty, a Class D Felony in Kentucky.
- (5) This Act provides strong protections for whistleblowers, and any retaliation against an employee reporting a violation shall be treated as a serious offense subject to severe penalties.

SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:


- (1) The phased benchmarks for achieving the statewide aggregate live-release-rate are established as follows:
 - (a) January 1, 2027: Achieve a statewide aggregate seventy percent (70%) live release rate.
 - (b) January 1, 2028: Achieve a statewide aggregate eighty percent (80%) live release rate.
 - (c) January 1, 2030: Achieve the full ninety percent (90%) no-kill benchmark statewide.

SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG28	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: John Meadows	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To providing training for teachers to better provide accommodations for students with 504
2 plans
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
4
5 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All K-12
6 teachers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are required to take a course or workshop covering the
7 importance of providing accommodations for students with disabilities and how to go about providing said
8 accommodations. This course will be administered on the online Kentucky Educator Credentialing System
9 before receiving a teacher certification.
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11 (2) The course will cover common accommodations for both mental and physical disabilities, explain how to
12 execute required changes, and review assistive devices and the process of altering assignments to meet
13 students' needs.
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15 (3) This will enforce compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which states that
16 students with disabilities are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
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18 SECTION 2. Schools with teachers who do not follow a student's designated 504 plan or IEP will be subject
19 to a fine of \$500 for every reported incident. Students will be able to file grievances through the Kentucky
20 Department of Education website and it will be seen that an investigation shall be conducted within a period
21 of 50 days.
22
23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2027. Teachers who have received their Kentucky Educator
24 credentials before this date will be given a grace period from the passage of this bill until January 1, 2030 to
25 fulfill the requirement of completing the course above.
26
27 SECTION 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG29						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
	Action on the Bill						
Sponsors: Avery Rogers, Matthew Chandler, Albany Roach							
School: Northside Baptist Christian School							
City: Mayfield							
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An Act Relating To Perinatal Mental Health Access
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
 In order to reduce maternal mortality and improve the mental health of mothers across Kentucky, the State of Kentucky will ensure access to screening and treatment for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders.


Section 2: The perinatal period will be defined as the time from pregnancy through one year after birth or miscarriage.

Section 3: Providers shall be required to offer at least two (2) mental health screenings during pregnancy and two (2) screenings during the postpartum period. Screenings shall use diagnostic tools such as the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale

Section 4: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall seek available federal grants, including those under the Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders program. The state may appropriate up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annually from the General Fund to support implementation, particularly for rural and underserved areas.

Section 5: Beginning in 2027, the Cabinet shall issue an annual report to the General Assembly indicating the number of screenings conducted, number of positive screenings and referrals, access disparities by county or region, maternal mortality and suicide data related to mental health.

Section 6: This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG30	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Adam Horton, Charlie Reeves, Madelyn Haysley, Michael Swift	Action on the Bill	
School: Owensboro HS	House	Senate
City: Owensboro	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

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An Act Relating To Protecting Kentucky’s Waterways.
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.
The General Assembly finds that protecting riparian areas, reducing pollution from failing septic systems and runoff, and aligning with drinking-water protections are essential to preserve Kentucky’s waters. The Division of Water identifies impaired waters that threaten public health and local economies. Clean waterways support agriculture, industry, recreation, and tourism, generating over \$14 billion in 2024.


SECTION 2.
This Act shall be known as the Kentucky Waterway Buffer and Source Protection Act of 2026, administered by the Energy and Environment Cabinet through the Division of Water.

SECTION 3. STATEWIDE RIPARIAN BUFFERS.
Beginning July 1, 2027, new development or disturbance within
(a) a source-water protection area, or
(b) an impaired waterbody identified by the Division of Water,
shall maintain vegetated riparian buffers of at least 50 feet on perennial streams, 25 feet on intermittent streams, and 75 feet around lakes.
Agriculture and forestry operations remain compliant if using Best Management Practices (BMPs) approved by the Cabinet. Local governments may adopt stricter protections to safeguard community waterways.


SECTION 4. TOURISM AND LAND DEVELOPMENT.
Waterways are vital to Kentucky’s tourism and recreation economy. Major developments within buffer zones shall file a Waterway Impact Statement (WIS) demonstrating compliance with applicable water-quality and land-use standards.
The Energy and Environment Cabinet shall partner with the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to create Blue Corridor Destinations - initiatives that promote public access, ecotourism, and restoration through grants and cooperative programs.

SECTION 5. SEPTIC AND WATER QUALITY.
By January 1, 2028, on-site sewage systems within 300 feet of streams or lakes in source-water areas shall be inspected and pumped every five years. Failing systems must be repaired within 12 months, and proof of inspection shall be required at property transfer.


SECTION 6. PFAS, FUNDING, AND ENFORCEMENT.
The Division of Water shall establish PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) standards and develop source-control plans for affected utilities.
The Cabinet may utilize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and other environmental programs for buffer restoration, septic upgrades, and stormwater projects.
Regulations shall ensure no net loss of buffer function, and violations shall be subject to penalties under KRS 224.99-010.
This Act takes effect ninety (90) days after adjournment, with buffer compliance beginning in 2027 and septic compliance in 2028.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG31	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Reginald Lueker, LillyBelle Barnhill, Elijah Shepherd	Action on the Bill	
School: Red Oaks Forest HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To the Taxation of Pesticide Sales for the Preservation of Pollinator Populations
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 217.550 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: A tax shall be
5 levied on all pesticide sales within the Commonwealth of Kentucky based on the product’s toxicity
6 classification as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The tax shall be assessed per unit
7 volume, with one (1) unit defined as one (1) gallon, according to the following schedule:
8 (a) Twelve percent (12%) for pesticides of high toxicity (EPA Category 1);
9 (b) Ten percent (10%) for pesticides of medium toxicity (EPA Category 2);and
10 (c) Seven percent (7%) for pesticides of low toxicity (EPA Categories 3 and 4).
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12 (2) “Pesticide dealer” refers to any individual or entity licensed under Category 12 of the Kentucky
13 Department of Agriculture.
14
15 (3) Any pesticide dealer who fails to pay the required tax shall incur a civil penalty of twenty percent (20%)
16 of the sale value. Continued noncompliance may result in criminal tax evasion charges under KRS
17 §131.990, punishable by up to five (5) years’imprisonment and a fine of up to one hundred thousand
18 dollars (\$100,000).
19
20 (4) All revenue collected shall be allocated to the Kentucky Pollinator Protection Plan, administered by the
21 Kentucky Department of Agriculture, to support conservation and restoration of pollinator populations
22 throughout the Commonwealth.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG32						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Noah Henry, Jemma Johnson, Landen Deck, Elinore Heidt	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="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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School: Scott HS							
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1 An Act Relating To Requiring a License for Firearm Ownership
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: AMENDING KRS 237.109 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 (1) Persons that meet the legal requirements to possess a firearm must have a valid license to be able to
6 carry concealed firearms or other concealed deadly weapons.
7
8 Section 2: Requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit include being a United States Citizen or lawful
9 permanent resident, taking a firearm training class mandated by the state, being at least 21 years of age or
10 older, and passing a background check. Further requirements for obtaining a concealed carry permit include
11 not being a felon or having a domestic violence conviction.
12
13 Section 3: Having a concealed carry permit is required for the purchasing of a firearm.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red BG33	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jada Foster	Action on the Bill	
School: South Warren HS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Lead Testing and Public Reporting in School Water Systems.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
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6 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 212 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
7 - All public and private K–12 schools within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall conduct yearly
8 testing for lead contamination in all water sources under their control, including drinking fountains,
9 classroom sinks, and food preparation areas.
10 - Water samples shall be tested by a certified laboratory approved by the Kentucky Department for
11 Environmental Protection.
12 - The acceptable level of lead in school water systems shall be no more than five parts per billion.
13 - If a test reveals lead levels exceeding this amount, the affected source shall be immediately taken out of
14 service until rectified and retested to meet acceptable standards.
15
16 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 212 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
17 - Each school shall make test results publicly available by:
18 a. Posting results on the school district’s website within fifteen days of receiptment
19 b. Submitting results to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and the local board of
20 education within thirty days of testing, and displaying results within the school building.
21 - Schools that do not meet testing and reporting requirements are subject to citation and the withholding of
22 state facility maintenance funds until compliance is achieved.
23
24 SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 212 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
25 - Funding for lead testing and remediation shall be provided through:
26 a. The Kentucky Department of Education’s facilities maintenance budget,
27 b. Applicable federal or state environmental health grants, and
28 c. Local district facility improvement funds.
29 - No student fees shall be used for compliance with this Act.
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31 SECTION 4.
32 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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34 SECTION 5.
35 This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG34	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Liam Knight, Abby Delaplane	Action on the Bill	
School: Sphinx Academy	House	Senate
City: Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To The Safety of Motorcycle Operators and Passengers on Public Roads**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 An Act Relating To The Safety of Motorcycle Operators and Passengers on Public Roads.
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6 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
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8 Section 1: KRS 189.285 is amended to read as follows:
9 - Amend (1)(b) to read as follows: "A person shall not operate a motorcycle on a highway unless that person
10 uses an approved eye-protection device and approved headgear, in the manner prescribed by the secretary
11 of the Transportation Cabinet, at all times such the vehicle is in motion.
12 - Insert (2)(c) to read as follows: "A person shall not operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle except if
13 that person is using approved headgear at all times the vehicle is in motion."
14 - Remove (3).
15
16 Section 2: The following findings are supported by evidence from the Kentucky State Police:
17 - Sixty-three percent (63%) of people who died in fatal motorcycle crashes did not use helmets. Requiring all
18 motorcyclists to wear protective headgear will both reduce the number of fatal crashes, and lower the
19 amount of people requiring intensive care following motorcycle crashes.
20
21 Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Highway Patrol and local Kentucky police.
22 Section 4: Any person found in violation of this bill will be ticketed and fined by the Kentucky Highway
23 Patrol.
24 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG35	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Aagna Dave, Graciann Lowe, Katlyn Harper, Adelynn Port	Action on the Bill	
School: Taylor Co. HS		
City: Campbellsville		
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1 **An Act to Allow Three Unpaid Religious Holidays for Students and Adults in Kentucky**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that individuals of all faiths in Kentucky have the right to
5 observe up to three religious holidays per year without penalty. This bill will provide students and working
6 adults with unpaid or excused time off for religious observances not currently recognized as state holidays.
7
8 Section 2: A religious holiday is considered a day of observance tied to a recognized religious or spiritual
9 practice (e.g., Eid, Yom Kippur, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Orthodox Christmas, Good Friday, etc.). Unpaid days
10 off of work are job-protected but not compensated. Excused absences for students do not count against a
11 student's attendance record and allow for makeup work without penalty.
12
13 Section 3: All Kentucky students in public schools shall be granted up to three excused absences per school
14 year for religious observances. All working individuals in Kentucky shall have the right to request up to three
15 unpaid days off per calendar year for religious holidays. Individuals must provide a written notice at least
16 four weeks in advance of the requested holiday. Schools and employers may not require proof of religious
17 affiliation but may request the name of the holiday for scheduling purposes.
18
19 Section 4: This policy shall be implemented at the beginning of the next academic and fiscal year after
20 passage. The Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Labor Cabinet will be responsible for
21 overseeing compliance in schools and workplaces, respectively.
22
23 Section 5: As the holidays are unpaid and excused, no direct funding is required by the state. Any school or
24 employer that denies a legitimate request in violation of this policy may be subject to a formal complaint
25 investigation.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG36	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Landie Hite, Laci Spaulding, Lydia Redd, Lilli Richardson	Action on the Bill	
School: Trigg Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Cadiz	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Requiring CPR and First Aid Certification for High School Graduation**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: KRS158.302 is amended to read as follows: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification required
5 for high school students. All Kentucky public high school students are required to obtain certification in Basic
6 CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and First Aid prior to graduation.
7
8 Section 2. Certification shall be provided through partnerships with organizations such as the American
9 Heart Association, Red Cross, or other approved providers.
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11 Section 3. Training may be offered during health/PE courses, school-wide certification days, or through
12 community partnerships at no cost to students.
13
14 Section 4. The Kentucky Department of Education shall oversee implementation and ensure schools have
15 access to approved certification providers.
16
17 Section 5. This bill shall take effect beginning with the freshman class of the 2026–2027 school year,
18 with the opportunity to get recertified every year in high school.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG37	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Levi Choate, Landen Gray	Action on the Bill	
School: Trigg Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Cadiz	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Student Voting in Site-Based Councils**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Every school is now required to
5 have up to two student representatives who can participate in site-based meetings, as well as have voting
6 rights about school decisions.
7
8 Section 2. This bill will require all site-based high school decision-making councils to include voting student
9 bodies to help advise and decide on current or impending school-related issues. This student body will have
10 two student representatives who attend the site-based meetings and collaborate with a student council to
11 identify issues with school-based policies and report those issues to the site-based meetings.
12
13 Section 3. (a) Representatives of the student council will be voted on by the students in high school and
14 then reviewed by teachers and administrators to determine their viability as candidates.
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16 (b) The student council votes on the two representatives who go to the site-based meetings.
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18 (c) The two representatives will be able to vote during site-based meetings.
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20 Section 4. This bill will not require any additional funding from schools. Section 5. This bill will be enacted at
21 the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG38	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: James Lavenson, Jackson Merrick	Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Street Lights and Making an Appropriation Therefor.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS: Street lights on state roads shall use semi-cutoff fixtures to reduce light pollution by
6 restricting upward light emission. Semi-cutoff fixtures shall be installed on all existing and future
7 street lights.
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9 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS: All bulbs in existing and future street lights on state roads shall be replaced with
11 Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) to reduce energy use and light pollution.
12
13 SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the Transportation Cabinet from the General Fund ten
14 million dollars (\$5,000,000) in fiscal year 2027–2028 for implementation of these statutes. Any
15 unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year shall return to the General Fund.
16
17 SECTION 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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19 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG39	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Arianna Baker, Graham Conrad, Gretchen Durham, Abby Eastman	Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Juvenile Justice: Criteria for Determining How a Child Is To Be Tried**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 **SECTION 1: A SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 635.020 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (6) A child who is**
5 **charged with a nonviolent felony, a misdemeanor, or a violation arising from the same course of conduct**
6 **shall be directed to community-based diversion programs and the court shall, upon motion of the county**
7 **attorney made prior to adjudication, and after the county attorney has consulted with the Commonwealth's**
8 **attorney, that the child be directed to the oversight of a Court Designated Worker for monitoring in the**
9 **program(s).**
10
11 **SECTION 2: This amendment is eligible for first-time, nonviolent, juvenile offenders.**
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13 **SECTION 3: This bill will be enacted January 1, 2027.**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG40	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Kylee Grace, Campbell Lindsey, Veera Namasivayam, Allie Sandifer	Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To The Improvement of Emergency Response Towards the Rural Areas of Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1 - Rural areas in Kentucky often experience delayed emergency response times due to long
5 distances, limited volunteers, and outdated communication systems. This bill seeks to improve emergency
6 response in these areas by upgrading communication technology, encouraging cooperation between
7 counties, and supporting smaller faster response units.
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9 Section 2 - According to the Kentucky Fire Commission, over 70% of firefighters in the state are volunteers,
10 and many rural counties face response times exceeding 20 minutes. Limited funding and outdated dispatch
11 systems make it harder for emergency services to locate and reach rural residents quickly.
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13 Section 3 - This bill will establish the "Rural Emergency Response Improvement Program (RERIP)" under the
14 Kentucky Fire Commission. This Program shall provide grants for upgraded radios, GPS systems, and
15 dispatch software. It will fund smaller emergency response vehicles for hard-to-reach rural areas. The
16 program will also create Rural Emergency Volunteer Aides who can assist during emergencies, direct traffic,
17 and communicate with dispatch centers until professional responders arrive. Lastly it will encourage mutual
18 aid agreements between neighboring counties to ensure the closest available responder is dispatched.
19
20 Section 4 - The program will be funded by an initial \$3 million appropriation from the Kentucky General Fund
21 and through matching federal grants available via FEMA and USDA Rural Development programs. Local
22 governments may contribute matching funds for additional grant eligibility. Section 5 - This bill will go into
23 effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG41						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Lael Covington, Jeremiah Mattingly, Jackson McCray, Tater Johnson	Action on the Bill						
School: W.E.B. DuBois Academy							
City: Louisville							
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Equitable Education Amendment

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

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4 Our idea to help improve education in Kentucky is a restructuring of the proposed amendment 2 bill. We

5 suggest using part of the budget surplus to allow students in impoverished communities who don't have

6 access to the resources they need within their schools to take online classes and/or get extra tutoring. By

7 doing so, this will give priority to students that require additional assistance, specifically those in gifted

8 programs and accelerated classes. This will allow students who may be more advanced than their home high

9 school has capacity for to afford extra classes and support. This will help to keep the high achieving

10 students at these schools and help to defend against brain drain.

11 Currently there aren't enough high level programs in many impoverished areas, so the high performing

12 students leave. As talent leaves low-income schools, the institution's average test scores worsen with each

13 passing year. This causes school funding to fall, furthering the cycle.

14 If we can pull in money to get these kids the resources they need, it will help them to be prepared for their

15 future and help to keep local talent in local schools. Multiple studies and articles have been published

16 showing how the lack of resources in underfunded schools causes high performing students to leave. For

17 example, Paula Olszewski-Kubilius, director of the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern

18 University and a professor in the School of Education and Social Policy states, "efforts to increase equity in

19 our schools often do not include low-income or minority students. Many of the district-wide gifted programs

20 require students to leave their neighborhood school in order to attend a magnet school or special program."

21 She further states how this could cause more issues in the access of high level education for low income

22 students. "Other issues, such as long bus rides or inability to afford or provide transportation to schools

23 across town, also prevent participation." (Olszewski-Kubilius et al., 2012)

24 The lack of access to high level education is a huge problem in low income communities. As stated by PhD

25 Professor at The University of Virginia JM Williams, "As the number of students from low-income

26 backgrounds increases, so does the achievement gap between them and their wealthier peers." (Williams et


27 al., 2019) This is something our bill would help to fix by giving access to those low income students as

28 mentioned, and allowing them to close that achievement gap. This would greatly benefit our society as the

29 high level students would have the recourse they need and thus produce better outcomes to the world.

30 Although this would cost the state government money, the large benefit it would bring to Kentucky and the

31 United States as a whole would be well worth it.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG42						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Angel Camarena, Mya Martinez, Macy Rogers, Kayleigh Stokes	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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School: Warren East HS							
City: Bowling Green							

1 An Act Relating To Providing Support for the Wellness of Educators Through Burnout Prevention Programs
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Burnout prevention
5 programs shall be provided to support educators’wellness and improve the mental well-being of all K-12
6 Kentucky educators.


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8 Section 2: For this Act, “burnout prevention programs”shall include, but not be limited to professional
9 development workshops focused on managing stress and resilience for educators, access to mental health
10 services and counseling specialized for educators, funding for substitute teachers to permit “wellness
11 days”and planning time for educators, and further district-level training on administrative support and
12 combatting excessive workloads.

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14 Section 3: Over half of the educators across the state of Kentucky have reported that they find their jobs
15 increasingly stressful and overwhelming. The most common stressors reported by educators include
16 students’ behavior, excessive workload, inadequate administrative support, and external pressures from
17 parents and policymakers. This legislation aims to provide support and relief to this percentage of
18 overwhelmed teachers, offering them some well-deserved respite.


19
20 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall be responsible for securing the funds for Kentucky’s
21 burnout prevention programs. KDE shall actively pursue and prioritize the use of available ESSER funds, Title
22 I, Title II, and other related federal grants, as well as manage donations from corporations focused on
23 educator wellness.

24
25 Section 5: Each district superintendent shall report annually to the Kentucky Department of Education on the
26 implementation and effectiveness of the burnout prevention programs.

27
28 Section 6: This bill shall go into full effect on July 1, 2028, and full implementation of the programs in all
29 districts shall be completed by August 15, 2028, coinciding with the beginning of the 2028-2029 school
30 year. The urgency of this timeline is necessary due to the worsening teacher shortages, rising turnover rates,
31 and the link between teacher well-being and student achievement.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG43	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Colin Cox, Drew LaGrone, Alex Wilson, Grace Penny	Action on the Bill	
School: West Jessamine HS		
City: Nicholasville		
	House	Senate
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Wages for Employees in the Service Industry.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 SECTION 1. KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2) to read as follows, "Notwithstanding the
5 provisions of subsection (1) of this section, for any employee engaged in an occupation in which he
6 customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$30) per month in tips from patrons or others,
7 the employer shall pay as a minimum, not less than the hourly rate of five dollars and ten cents (\$5.10). The
8 employer shall establish by his records that for each week where credit is taken, when adding tips received
9 to wages paid, not less than the minimum rate prescribed in 29 U.S.C. sec. 203 was received by the
10 employee. No employer shall use all or part of any tips or gratuities received by employees toward the
11 payment of the statutory minimum hourly wage of five dollars and ten cents (\$5.10). Nothing, however, shall
12 prevent employees from entering into an agreement to divide tips or gratuities among themselves."
13
14 SECTION 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
15
16 SECTION 3: There is appropriated to the Department of Workplace Standards within the Labor Cabinet the
17 sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in fiscal year 2026–2027 to conduct education and
18 compliance outreach to employers and employees regarding the provisions of this Act.
19
20 SECTION 4: This Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG44	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lucy Danks, Zel Carey, Emma Melanson	Action on the Bill	
School: Woodford Co. HS	House <input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Senate <input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
City: Versailles		

1 **An Act Relating To the Protection of Water**


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

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4 Section 1. KRS 224.1-010 is amended to read as follows: Insert (32)(e). to read as follows, “Non-navigable
5 waters, defined as any body of water that is too shallow or narrow for commercial use;”Insert (32)(f). to read
6 “Private well water;”

7

8 Section 2: This Act takes effect 90 days after session.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG45	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Sarah Bradley, Lucia Rickard	Action on the Bill	
School: Woodford Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Versailles	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating to the Support and Retention of Teachers in Low Income and Rural Areas
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The Kentucky
5 Teacher Retention Fund (KTRF) is hereby established under the administration of the Kentucky Department
6 of Education. The Fund shall provide financial incentives for certified teachers employed in qualifying districts
7 as defined in this section. (2) A "low-income school district" shall be defined as one in which at least sixty
8 percent (60%) of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. (3) A "rural school district" shall be defined
9 according to the Kentucky Department of Education's rural classification standards. (4) Certified teachers
10 employed in low-income or rural school districts shall receive a quarter annual salary supplement of not less
11 than ten percent (10%) of their base salary, and not more than fifteen percent (15%), as determined by the
12 KDE. (5) Teachers who remain employed in the same district for five (5) consecutive school years and have
13 acquired tenure shall receive a one-time retention bonus of five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Additional
14 bonuses may be awarded for each subsequent five-year period of employment.
15
16 Section 2. The Kentucky Teacher Retention Fund shall be financed through:
17 - A 0.1% increase in state lottery proceeds designated for education; and
18 - Private and corporate donations through the Kentucky Education Endowment
19
20 Section 3. The Kentucky Department of Education shall:
21 - Administer the Fund and distribute allocations each annual school year;
22 - Publish an annual public report on teacher turnover, fund expenditures, and student outcomes; and
23 - Review program effectiveness every three (3) years to ensure compliance with legislative intent.
24
25 Section 4. The Act shall take effect at the start of the 2026-2027 school year upon passage and approval.




COMMONWEALTH BILLS


**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW2	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Raegan Gabhart, Kenyon Jones, Alaina Shawver, Clayton Conway	Action on the Bill	
School: Anderson Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Lawrenceburg	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 2
- 3 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
- 4 - Sexual education is required for all public high school students as a graduation requirement.
- 5 - Curriculum will include but not be limited to:
- 6 - Contraceptives including education and application
- 7 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- 8 - Laws on Abortion
- 9 - Hygiene
- 10 - Feminine Cycle
- 11 - This curriculum will be taught in grades 9-12
- 12
- 13 Section 2. This is to be incorporated into the current required health class curriculum.
- 14
- 15 Section 3. This law will apply to the graduating class of 2030 and beyond
- 16
- 17 Section 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW3						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: John Sheesley, Gideon Dunn, India Barker	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <th>House</th> <th>Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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School: Atherton HS							
City: Louisville							


1 **AN AMENDMENT** Relating to human remains to legalize body composting.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 SECTION 1. A NEW REGULATION OF THE KRS TITLE 901 CHAPTER 005 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5
6 Section 1 a. In the case of body composting, a procedure in which a human body is placed in a vessel with organic materials, be they
7 wood chips, alfalfa, and/or straw, where microbes break down human remains into a nutrient rich soil amendment, a death certificate
8 must be secured per the regulation of KRS 213.076
9
10 Section 1 b. Vessels must be at least 8 feet in length, 4 feet in width , and 4 feet in height where the volume not occupied by human
11 remains contains organic materials. Vessels must be placed in a vertical wall. Vessel walls must be spaced in the facility with
12 consideration of visitor walking and visiting space.
13
14 Section 1 c. Notations regarding the deceased's legal name, date of birth, date of death, date for the start of the composting process,
15 and name of the terramation technician must be filed with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics and updated for each change made
16 to the body's condition.
17
18 Section 1 d. The only case in which a vessel can be opened after oxygen has been removed is for police investigation, in which a
19 warrant must be issued by a legally-ordained judge.
20
21 SECTION 2. A NEW REGULATION OF THE KRS TITLE 029 CHAPTER 367 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
22
23 Section 2 a. A body composting facility must obtain, care for, and return human remains under the same conditions, as laid out for
24 crematoriums in KRS. 367.975 17, Title 29, chapter 367, subchapter 975. With the acknowledgement that a body composting facility
25 reduces human remains to soil as opposed to ash.
26
27 Section 2 b. A body composting facility must submit to a sanitation and safety inspection at least annually, ensuring the proper
28 maintenance of the facility and handling of human remains. The facility must be able to conduct body compost without posing safety
29 risks to those who enter the facility.
30
31 SECTION 3. AN AMENDMENT TO AMEND KRS 367.93103
32
33 Section 3 a. KRS 367.93103 is amended to read as follows: Amend (5) to rewrite "cemetery"to read as follows: "cemetery, body
34 composting facility."
35
36 Section 3 b. KRS 367.93103 is amended to read as follows: Amend (7)(a) and (7)(b) to rewrite "or cemetery"to read as follows: ",
37 cemetery, or body composting"
38
39 SECTION 4. Any statute contrary to this Amendment shall be amended or repealed.
40
41 SECTION 5. This Amendment takes effect July 1st, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW4	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Ruthvika Addala, Lauren Iglehart, Misha Badrinath, Abby Martin	Action on the Bill	
School: Ballard HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Prevent the Misuse of GLP-1 Medications and Protect Diabetic Patients in Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1. Purpose:
5 The goal of this bill is to tackle the growing misuse of GLP-1 medications across Kentucky, particularly in Bowling Green,
6 which currently has one of the highest prescription rates in the nation. These medications play a critical role in
7 managing Type 2 diabetes, but their rising off-label use for weight loss has led to shortages, safety concerns, and
8 limited access for patients who truly need them. This bill aims to protect diabetic patients, promote safe and
9 responsible use of these drugs, and ensure fair access for everyone.
10
11 Section 2. Prescription Restrictions:
12 - GLP-1 medications may only be prescribed by licensed healthcare professionals treating patients with Type 2 diabetes
13 or another FDA-approved medical condition.
14 - Off-label prescriptions for weight management are prohibited.
15 - Minors (anyone under the age of 18) will not be prescribed GLP-1 medications for weight loss under any
16 circumstances.
17
18 Section 3. Pharmacy Reporting and Prioritization:
19 - Pharmacies must prioritize filling GLP-1 prescriptions for patients diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes before filling any
20 other prescriptions.
21 - Starting in Bowling Green and expanding statewide, pharmacies must submit quarterly reports to the Kentucky
22 Department of Public Health to show the number of GLP-1 prescriptions filled.
23
24 Section 4. Education and Awareness:
25 The Kentucky Department of Public Health will launch a statewide awareness campaign, starting in Bowling Green, to
26 educate the public on: the risks of misusing GLP-1 medications for weight loss, the importance of preserving access for
27 diabetic patients, and other safe alternatives for weight management.
28
29 Section 5. Penalties:
30 Any pharmacy found to be prescribing GLP-1 medications in violation of this act may face a fine of up to \$3,000.
31
32 Section 6. Funding:
33 This act will be funded through the Kentucky Department of Public Health resources, along with any fines collected
34 under Section 5.
35
36 Section 7. Effective Date:
37 This act will take effect on May 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW5	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Millie Duncan, Priya Gautam, Seantavious Jennings, Madison Jones	Action on the Bill	
School: Ballard HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act relating to the Preservation and Modernization of the Bourbon Industry
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 148 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Kentucky will
5 establish the Bourbon Tourism and Innovation Fund within the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet to
6 support Kentucky’s bourbon industry through tourism development, product modernization, and small
7 distillery assistance.
8
9 Section 2. Licensed Kentucky distilleries may voluntarily contribute 1% of their annual sales revenue to the
10 Bourbon Tourism and Innovation Fund. Contributing distilleries shall be eligible for a corporate income tax
11 credit equal to 50% of their verified contribution.
12
13 Section 3. Corporate income tax credit given by the state will be capped at \$10 Million dollars in total tax
14 credits per fiscal year as not to exceed the amount of funding Kentucky has available.
15
16 Section 4. The fund shall be used exclusively for: a. Marketing and tourism campaigns promoting Kentucky
17 bourbon and the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. b. Grants or cooperative projects supporting distillery
18 modernization and community events. c. Strategic partnerships between the bourbon industry and the
19 Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet. d. Creation of infrastructure that is catered towards the bourbon
20 trail/tourism.
21
22 Section 5. Participating distilleries shall receive priority recognition in statewide marketing materials, official
23 tourism listings, and promotional events coordinated by the Cabinet.
24
25 Section 6. The Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet shall administer the fund, verify eligible contributions, and
26 publish an annual report on fund performance and tourism outcomes.
27
28 Section 7. This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW7							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Devan Mott, Mihira Sumanasekera, Reva Kapoor, Sharaun Hickerson	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="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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School: Ballard HS								
City: Louisville								


1 **An Act Relating To Transparency and Justice within Felonious Custodial Interrogations**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: The purpose of this act is to ensure transparency, protect constitutional rights, and ensure
5 integrity within the criminal justice system through genuine proceedings by mandating the audio and visual
6 recording of custodial interrogations conducted by law enforcement in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
7
8 Section 2: Over 25 states (including Illinois, North Carolina, and California) already require recording of
9 custodial interrogations for certain crimes, often felonies. This prompted a 16% reduction in disputed
10 confession claims after implementing mandatory recording laws. These laws have also led to stronger, more
11 reliable evidence that increases the legal and accurate conviction rates for actual offenders.
12
13 Section 3:
14 - All custodial interrogations of offenses that constitute a felony conducted in a place of detention are
15 subject to being recorded in their entirety.
16 - In circumstances where a custodial interrogation occurs outside of a designated interrogation room, law
17 enforcement officers shall activate body-worn cameras to record the entire interaction.
18 - Custodial interrogations refer to any questioning by law enforcement after a person has been taken into
19 custody, and if their freedom to leave is deprived.
20
21 Section 4: Exceptions: Equipment may fail, recording isn't possible or practical at certain locations. If a
22 recording isn't made, the officer must submit documentation.
23
24 Section 5: If a government employee, or police officer, fails to meet the legislation, they are subject to
25 suspension, or review under the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
26
27 Section 6: For our proposed bill, funding would come from the Kentucky department of justice, and law
28 enforcement agencies shall implement requirements no more than one year after its passage.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW8	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Ben Farrell, Aidan Smith, Everett Sagrecy, Hagan O'Daniel	Action on the Bill	
School: Bardstown HS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating to the Designation of an Official State Food Symbol**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 SECTION 1: This act shall be known as the "State Chicken Sandwich Supremacy Act." The purpose of this bill
5 is to officially designate the Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich as the State Chicken Sandwich of Kentucky and to
6 establish guidelines recognizing Kentucky's vital contributions to the global fried chicken industry.
7
8 SECTION 2: (a) The Chick-fil-A Original Chicken Sandwich shall be declared the Official State Chicken
9 Sandwich of Kentucky. (b) Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) shall be granted the title of "The Colonel's Crown" as
10 a symbolic recognition of its impact on poultry-related growth in Kentucky, as well as remaining a
11 cornerstone of the Commonwealth's culinary identity. (c) All Kentucky public schools shall observe
12 Commonwealth Fried Poultry Heritage Day annually on March 6th. (d) On this day, cafeterias are encouraged
13 but not required to serve chicken sandwiches and engage students in poultry-related educational activities.
14
15 SECTION 3: Funding for recognition events will come from voluntary donations and sponsorships from
16 chicken-based corporations.
17
18 SECTION 4: This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2026, to allow sufficient time for statewide sandwich
19 appreciation efforts and menu adjustments.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW9	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Eli Livers, Frank Jardim, Ava Parker, Jack Stevenson	Action on the Bill	
School: Bethlehem HS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 **An Act Relating To "Kentucky Housing and Recovery for Everyone" (KHARE)**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 - Purpose
- 5 -It shouldn't be illegal to be poor when there isn't a place for them to go, and refraining treatment and support for mental health
- 6
- 7 - Section 2: Definitions-
- 8 - "Involuntary mental health hospitalization" is defined as the commitment of a person to a psychiatric facility without their consent when the person is
- 9 mentally ill, presents a danger or threat of danger to themselves or others due to the mental illness.
- 10 - "Homeless shelters" is defined as a facility for temporary, immediate people and families who lack shelter, and offering basic necessities such as sleep,
- 11 food, and hygiene facilities.
- 12 - "Unlawful camping" is defined as staying in a public or private area without permission with the intent to stay for a long period of time or sleep there.
- 13 - "Eminent domain" is defined as the ability of the state government to buy and acquire unused or abandoned private land with just compensation.
- 14 - "Abandon or unused land" is defined as land that is owned or unowned that either has no buildings or run down buildings on said land.
- 15
- 16 - Section 3: Implementation -
- 17 - Creation of the Kentucky Homeless Shelter grant, which will create intensive therapy programs in homeless shelters to better help those who are
- 18 both homeless and mentally ill. While also improving Homeless shelters as a whole.
- 19 -Replace involuntary Mental health hospitalization with Family choice hospitalization. Giving the choice to the families with great suggestions from the
- 20 courts on whether they will send their family member to a mental hospital.
- 21 -Request for the State Government to apply for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Federal grant.
- 22 --Request for the State Government to apply for the Community Mental Health Services (MHBG) Block grant.
- 23
- 24 - Section 4: Appropriations-
- 25 - Costs for this bill will come from the States Current Budget Reserve Trust Fund.
- 26 - Expenses for this bill are:
- 27 - \$10,000 for Kentucky Homeless Shelter Grant.
- 28 - This money will go to each homeless shelter that meets the state standards listed in this bill.
- 29 - Section 5: Standards-
- 30 -All homeless shelters that would like to receive The Kentucky Homeless Shelter Grant are as listed:
- 31 - Have a registered Homeless Shelter with a safe building and have been financially stable for one year.
- 32 - Have required amount of bed, food, and hygiene services based on the number of average guests. Along with a spotless track record of treatment of
- 33 guests.
- 34 - Have a certified medical professional for mental health needs.
- 35
- 36 - Section 6: Effective date-
- 37 -This bill would be enacted 90 days after the bill has passed.
- 38
- 39 - Section 7: Severability Clause-
- 40 -All laws or subsections of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW10	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: jaxon bezeau, JJ Jackson, cohen McElroy, Christopher Wells	Action on the Bill	
School: Bourbon Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Paris	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To giving foster parents three to five days of maternity leave For advanced placement
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: Parents will be given 3-5 days of maternity leave for advanced placement. If foster parents are
5 given 72 hours notice or less then they will be given the full 5 days of leave. If they are given more than 72
6 hours they will only be given 3 days as they would have previously had time to prepare for the child. What
7 we are hoping to achieve by passing this bill is giving new foster families appropriate time not only to
8 prepare for the child coming into their home but also giving them time to bond with the child.
9
10 Section 2: The money they are getting paid will be coming from their place of employment and they will be
11 owed their normal wage and they can't refuse to give maternity leave. If they refuse the money then there
12 will be fines from the government ranging between \$5,000-\$10,000. If the employer does not have the
13 funds then they will have to create room in their budget allocated for the money.
14
15 Section 3: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2026

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW11							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Zoe Greenwell, kash Hampton, Dania Jarillo-Beltran, Caleb Kannapel	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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School: Breckinridge Co. HS								
City: Harned								

1 An Act Relating To Organ Donation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1 KRS 311.1911 to 311.1959, known as the Kentucky Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, is amended to
5 establish that every Kentucky resident beginning at age sixteen (16) shall be presumed to be an organ donor
6 upon death, unless the individual has formally chosen to opt out of the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.
7
8 Section 2 Any individual who wishes not to participate as an organ donor may opt out at any time by
9 notifying the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet when applying for or renewing a driver’s license or
10 identification card, or by directly updating their status through the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. A formal
11 opt-out shall consist of a written, electronic, or in-person declaration submitted to the Kentucky Organ
12 Donor Registry or the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. For individuals under the age of eighteen (18), a
13 parent or legal guardian may submit an opt-out request on behalf of the minor.
14
15 Section 3 Currently, more than 100,000 people across the United States are waiting for a lifesaving organ
16 transplant, with a new patient added to the list every ten (10) minutes. On average, thirteen (13) Americans
17 die each day due to the shortage of available organs.
18 In Kentucky alone, more than 1,000 residents are currently awaiting transplants, with many dying each year
19 due to the lack of available organs. By adopting an opt-out system, the Commonwealth can significantly
20 increase its number of registered organ donors and save countless lives.
21
22 Section 4 The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, in partnership with the Kentucky Transportation
23 Cabinet, shall oversee the implementation of this Act and ensure opt-out procedures are clear and
24 accessible. The Cabinet shall also run a statewide public awareness campaign, funded through existing
25 appropriations designated for public health education and organ donation awareness programs. No
26 individual shall be compelled to donate, and all opt-out requests shall be honored and securely recorded.
27
28 Section 5 The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall, in consultation with the Kentucky Organ Donor
29 Affiliates (KODA) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, submit an annual report to the General Assembly
30 detailing the number of registered donors, opt-outs, and organ transplants facilitated under this Act.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW12	
	Referred to Committee: House	
	Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Reese Pike, Abi Martin, Karson Chandler	House	
School: Breckinridge Co. HS	Senate	
City: Harned	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the Immediate Release of Individuals Who Test Below the Legal Blood Alcohol
2 Concentration When Stopped for Suspected Impaired Driving.
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
4
5 Section 1: (KRS Statute) AN NEW SECTION OF KRS 189A.103, SUBSECTION 8 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (8)
6 If a law enforcement officer stops a person on suspicion of impaired driving and the individual voluntarily
7 submits to a breathalyzer test administered by the officer, and the test indicates a blood alcohol
8 concentration below the legal limit established in KRS 189A.010, the individual shall be released immediately
9 from the scene. No further detention, arrest, or chemical testing shall be conducted unless the officer has
10 reasonable suspicion of other impairment or criminal activity.
11
12 Section 2: The General Assembly finds that Kentucky’s legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit is 0.08%
13 for standard drivers and 0.04% for commercial drivers. Individuals who are below the legal limit should not
14 be subject to unnecessary detention or testing, which protects personal liberty while maintaining public
15 safety. In Kentucky, more than 20,000 DUI arrests occur annually. However, approximately 10–12%
16 of those cases are dismissed or result in not-guilty verdicts, often due to insufficient evidence or BAC levels
17 below the legal limit.
18
19 Section 3: This bill shall require no additional funding.
20
21 Section 4: This bill shall be enforced by law enforcement officers and sheriffs under the oversight of the
22 Kentucky State Police and the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. County attorneys and courts shall ensure
23 compliance and address violations of this bill.
24
25 Section 5: Any law enforcement officer found to have violated this Act without just cause shall be subject to
26 departmental review and required retraining on DUI protocols.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW14	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
	Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Brayden Barks	House	Senate
School: Butler Co. HS	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
City: Morgantown	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To school safety and authorizing limited possession of non-lethal defensive weapons in
2 public schools.

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

4
5 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

6
7 1. Authorization

8 (a) A local board of education may, at its discretion, adopt a policy authorizing trained educators to possess and access
9 non-lethal defensive weapons for the protection of students and staff in the event of an emergency.

10 (b) The program established by this section shall be optional. No district shall be required to participate, and all costs of
11 training, equipment, and administration shall be borne by the individual district that elects to participate.

12
13 2. Eligibility

14 (a) No more than one (1) educator per ninety (90) enrolled students, or one (1) educator per floor of a school building,
15 whichever threshold is reached first, shall be authorized under this section.

16 (b) An educator shall not be authorized unless he or she completes training approved by the Kentucky Department of
17 Education and the Kentucky State Police regarding the proper use of non-lethal defensive weapons.

18
19 3. Authorized Weapons

20 (a) Non-lethal defensive weapons shall be limited to:

21 1. A deployable barrier with a reach not exceeding twenty (20) feet; 2. A conducted electrical weapon (taser) approved
22 for law enforcement; or

23 3. Oleoresin capsicum spray (pepper spray).

24 (b) Firearms or any lethal weapon as defined in KRS 500.080 are strictly prohibited under this section.

25
26 4. Secure Storage

27 (a) All non-lethal defensive weapons shall be stored in a biometric Class IX safe.

28 (b) The safe's location shall be rotated at least once per month. If any student becomes aware of the safe's location, it
29 shall be immediately relocated.


30 (c) Access to the safe shall be restricted to:

31 1. The trained educator authorized under subsection (2); 2. The school resource officer assigned to the building; and
32 3. The highest-level administrator for the building.


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34 5. Funding

35 (a) Participation in the program shall be funded solely by the individual district.

36 (b) No state general funds shall be obligated or appropriated for the purchase, training, or implementation of the
37 program.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW15	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Ben Holbrook, Brendan Combs, Maddex Adams, Cedric Dennis	Action on the Bill	
School: Central Hardin HS	House	Senate
City: Cecilia	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Improving Mental Health Care Access in Kentucky.**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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6 (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall increase access to mental health care for adults in the
7 Commonwealth by:
8
9 (a) Adding more licensed therapists and counselors in underserved areas;and
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11 (b) Lowering the cost of therapy for low-income individuals through a state-supported payment assistance
12 program.
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14 Section 2. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall begin implementing this program no later than
15 January 1, 2027.
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17 Section 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW16	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Josh Johnson, Andrew Mayes, Lacey Paige	Action on the Bill	
School: Christian Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

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AN ACT relating to the secure storage of firearms in households with minors
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1. A new section of KRS Chapter 527 is created to read as follows:

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Minor" means any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in KRS 527.010.

(c) "Unsecured firearm" means a firearm that is not:

  1. Carried on the person of the owner or under their immediate control while awake;

  2. Stored in a locked container;

  3. Fitted with a functional trigger lock or other secure locking device;or

  4. Placed in a quick-access secured device that prevents access by unauthorized persons but allows rapid retrieval by the owner.

(d) "Quick-access secured device" means a mechanical or electronic safe, lockbox, or similar container that restricts unauthorized access and is designed to allow immediate access to an authorized user in emergencies.

(2) A person who owns or possesses a firearm and resides in a household where a minor has legal residence shall:

(a) Store each firearm in a manner that renders it inaccessible to the minor by using one of the methods in subsection (1)(c);or

(b) Keep the firearm within their immediate possession and control while awake.

(3) Penalties.

(a) If a firearm is found by law enforcement to be unsecured in a household where a minor resides or is present, the owner shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or fine of up to \$250

(b) If a minor gains access to an unsecured firearm and uses it to intentionally or unintentionally injure or kill themselves or another person, the firearm's owner shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or fine of up to \$500

(c) Subsection (b) shall not apply if:

  1. The firearm was obtained through unlawful entry or theft, and the owner had stored it in compliance with subsection (2);or

  2. The owner can present credible evidence that they secured the firearm using one of the methods in subsection (1)(c).

(4) Enforcement.

(a) This section shall be enforced only upon:

  1. Lawful investigation following an injury, death, or criminal incident involving a firearm;or


  2. Discovery of an unsecured firearm in plain view during lawful police presence in a residence.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize warrantless searches. Law enforcement must obtain a warrant unless exigent circumstances apply.

(5) Education and Public Awareness.

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall develop and distribute materials on safe firearm storage and shall maintain a list of certified quick-access storage devices.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW17	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jed Groce, Cannon Thrasher, JP Cross	Action on the Bill	
School: Clinton Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Albany	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating to Improving Road and Bridge Safety Through Increased Inspections and Repairs
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 Section 1.
5 The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall increase the frequency of inspections of public roads and
6 bridges to ensure safety and structural integrity.


7 Section 2.
8 Inspections of all bridges shall be conducted once every twelve (12) months at minimum, with
9 high-traffic or structurally deficient bridges being inspected every six (6) months. Roadways
10 under state jurisdiction shall be inspected biennially (every two years), with priority given to
11 highways and routes with heavy commercial usage.

12 Section 3.
13 The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) shall employ a new division of inspectors
14 consisting of civil engineers, certified safety inspectors, and trained maintenance technicians.
15 To address workforce needs, partnerships will be established with Kentucky’s universities and
16 community colleges to create internship and training pipelines for civil engineering and trade
17 students.
18 Additional full-time inspector positions will be created, projected at 250 statewide.

19 Section 4.
20 Costs for this program shall be estimated at:
21 \$50 million annually for inspections, employment, and training programs.
22 \$200 million annually allocated toward urgent bridge and road repairs identified during
23 inspections.

24 Section 5.
25 Funding for this program will be acquired through:
26 A reallocation of 2% of the Kentucky Road Fund currently set aside for future projects,
27 prioritizing maintenance over expansion.
28 Applications for federal infrastructure grants under the Federal Highway Administration and
29 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

30 Section 6.
31 Any money not spent during the fiscal year shall remain in the Bridge and Road Safety Fund for
32 future use

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW18						
		Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Paytan Emery		Action on the Bill						
School: Cloverport Independent School HS		<table> <tr> <th>House</th> <th>Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td>____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>____ <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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An Act Relating To Smoking Restrictions in Kentucky

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


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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All districts in Kentucky shall have a smoke-free workplace law enforced. (2) All use of products that emit smoke and/or vapor shall be banned in all indoor environments, at the workplace, as well as fifteen feet from the entrance of any building.


SECTION 2. (1.) Fines and/or jail time shall be imposed depending on the number of offenses committed.

SECTION 3. (1) Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.


This Act will go into effect March 1, 2026

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW20	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Bri Walker, Zoey Hodge, Cameron Hernandez	Action on the Bill	
School: Crittenden Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Marion	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 An Act Relating To Mandatory Family and Consumer Sciences Course For High School Students
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: All Middle or High School students are required to take the first course of the Family and
- 5 Consumer Sciences pathway, the Family and Consumer Sciences Essentials Class.
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- 7 Section 2: This course is required and should include basic life skills including money management, sewing
- 8 essentials, cooking essentials, childcare skills, communication skills, employment skills, and personal health.
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- 10 Section 3: This bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW21							
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Sponsors: Madison Albarracin, Joe Dunaway, Jenna Jackson, Samantha Martin	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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School: Estill Co. HS								
City: Irvine								


1 **An Act Relating To Body-Worn Cameras Enforced for Police Officers State-Wide**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 6 1.870 IS CREATED TO READ AS IT FOLLOWS: All Kentucky police
5 officers will be required to wear a body-worn camera at all times when on duty. This will include police
6 officers at the State, County, and Local level.
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8 Section 2. The term "body-worn camera" refers to a wearable, audio, video, or photographic recording
9 system.
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11 Section 3. The goal is to make it so the police officers can't turn off the cameras once each officer gets their
12 mandated camera. The cameras would automatically turn on once they take a 911 call and turn off once the
13 call is finished. These are beneficial because they help the officers out in a defense case in court, as well as
14 holding citizens and officers accountable for their actions.
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16 Section 4. The cameras will be funded by increasing taxes on Sports Betting and Gaming Slot Machines from
17 7.3% to 20%.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW22							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Sydnie Arthur, Brayden Estes, Grace Hall, Darvik Stevens	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</th> <th style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</th> </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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City: Irvine								


1 **An Act Relating To Paid Paternity Leave for Educators**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER KRS 161 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Kentucky Public
5 School Districts will be required to include Paid Paternity Leave to all teachers and school employees.
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7 Section 2. The term "paternity" is defined as "the legal or biological status of being a father to a child."
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9 Section 3. This bill will amend the current law, which provides 30 Paid Maternity Leave to all teachers and
10 school employees, to now require all Kentucky Public School Districts to have a Parental Leave Policy, in
11 which both Maternity and Paternity Leave will be provided. Maternity Leave will remain at 30 days, while
12 Paternity leave will be set at 15 days.
13
14 Section 4. These Policy will be funded for as follows: 1) The placement of the \$131 million surplus from the
15 Kentucky Budget. 2) A \$10 increase to the State Property Tax.

	Blue CW23	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Emma Bailey, Florence Uwizeye	Action on the Bill	
School: Fern Creek HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To revising HB15 allowing 15 year olds to apply for drivers permits.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: As of March 25, 2025 House Bill 15 was enacted. This allows 15 year olds to apply for their
5 motor vehicle instruction permit (KRS 186.450). KY teens still need to be 16 years old before applying for
6 their intermediate licence (KRS 186.452). They will not obtain their operator’s license until the age of 17
7 (KRS 186.454).
8
9 Section 2: We are repealing the amendment of KRS 186.450 to allow persons who are at least 16 years of
10 age to apply for a motor vehicle instruction permit. According to A Parents Guide to Teen Driving published
11 by Insurance.ky.gov “Licensed teenage drivers represent only 7 percent of Kentucky drivers;however, they
12 are involved in 14 percent of all collisions.”If 15 year olds continue to drive this statistic will likely increase.
13 “Over the past three years in Kentucky, there were more than 48,000 crashes involving a teenage driver,
14 resulting in more than 13,000 injuries and 210 deaths, according to the state Transportation Cabinet’s
15 Office of Highway Safety.”Allowing teenagers to get their permits a year younger (15) would lead to an
16 increase in teen death. Furthermore, “The financial reality of teen driving becomes obvious when parents add
17 a teen driver to the family insurance
18 policy”(https://insurance.ky.gov/ppc/Documents/teendriving071117.pdf). Child Labor laws in KY allow 14
19 year olds to work a maximum of 18 hours a week, not to exceed 3 hours on a school day or 40 hours a
20 week when school is not in session. This means that students will be unable to contribute a significant
21 amount towards their vehicle, insurance, one-on-one drivers education lessons, etc. By repealing this
22 amendment we are delaying this financial burden, hypothetically allowing teens two years of employment
23 (14+15) to save up.
24
25 Section 3: No penalties are associated with amending this bill.
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27 Section 4: No additional funding would be required, in fact this would free up space at the department of
28 motor vehicles.
29
30 Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW24	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Kendal Stoneburner, Niyah Holt, Gracie Ogunbayo, Elizabeth Otto	Action on the Bill	
School: Frederick Douglass HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating to Affordable Housing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Title
5 This act shall be known as the "Commonwealth of Kentucky Affordable Housing Act."
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7 Section 2:
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9 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The Kentucky Housing Corporation
10 (KHC) shall establish and oversee a program known as the Commonwealth of Kentucky Affordable Housing Act. (2) This
11 bill aims to help first-time home buyers have easy access to affordable first-time house buying during Housing crises. It
12 directs the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) Kentucky Housing Corporation to establish the Commonwealth of
13 Kentucky Affordable Housing Act. (3) Within 180 days of the effective date of this Act, the KHC shall develop
14 administrative regulations, eligibility criteria, and application prerequisites aligning with KRS Chapter 13A.
15
16 Section 3: To qualify for assistance through this program, applicants must:
17 - Be a first-time homebuyer OR not have owned a home in the past three (3) years.
18 - Be a Kentucky resident and intend to keep the purchased home as their primary residence.
19 - Meet credit and income requirements established by the KHC based on the federal area median income (AMI).
20 - Complete the approved homebuyer education course before closing.
21 - Qualifying applicants can receive up to \$12,000 in down payment and closing costs assistance in the form of a
22 forgivable second mortgage IF they live in the home for five consecutive years.
23 - Additional assistance can be provided for applicants purchasing homes in rural areas.
24
25 Section 4: KHC shall work with the Department for Local Government and the Finance and Administration cabinet to
26 manage funds and shall submit an annual report to the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government detailing
27 - Total funds distributed
28 - Total number of homes purchased through the CKAHA
29 - Average applicant income and participating counties
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31 Section 4: The KHC shall have authority to suspend, withhold, or recover funds from recipients found to have violated
32 program requirements.
33 - All regulations and procedures shall align with the standards established by KRS 13A.
34
35 Section 3: Implementation
36
37 This act shall take place on Jul 1, 2026, and applications may be submitted by Kentucky citizens to KHC.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW26	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Amelie Robinson, Liam Case, Aubrey Day	Action on the Bill	
School: Great Crossing HS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To the protection of the Waters of the Commonwealth**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 **Section 1:** Redefining what is considered to be waters of the commonwealth will allow more widespread
7 protection of our drinking water and reduce the chance of pollution. KRS 224.1-010(32) is amended to read
8 as follows: "Water" or "Waters of the Commonwealth" means and includes any and all rivers, streams, creeks,
9 lakes, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, marshes, and all other bodies of surface or underground
10 water, natural or artificial, situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the Commonwealth or within its
11 jurisdiction.
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13 **Section 2:** The fine for pollution violation has not increased from \$25,000 since 2009. Factoring in inflation,
14 this number should have risen to \$38,000. Permitting this fine to stay lower than what is required has
15 encouraged citizens and companies to continue the destructive practice of polluting the Waters of the
16 Commonwealth. By raising the fine to \$50,000, it will not have to be amended in the near future. KRS
17 224.99-010 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1),(4),(5),(6), and (12), delete "\$25,000"and insert
18 "\$50,000" in its place.
19
20 **Section 3:** This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW27	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Brady Golliver, T'challa Mbanfu, Logan Coffey	Action on the Bill	
School: Greenwood HS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Academic Regulations For Participation in School Clubs and Sports**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1:
5 In order to participate in any club or sport run by or sponsored by a school or district, a student must maintain a
6 minimum grade of 70% or higher in all core classes for the current quarter. Core classes are defined as Math, English,
7 Science, and Social Studies. Grades will be checked weekly for all students in grades 6–12.
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9 Section 2:
10 Students participating in clubs or sports must have their GPA reviewed by their sponsor or coach at the end of each
11 quarter. If a student's GPA falls below a 2.0 on a weighted 5.0 scale, they are ineligible to participate in the activities
12 referenced in Section 3.
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14 Section 3:
15 Students who do not meet the academic requirements outlined above may continue attending meetings or practices but
16 may not participate in competitions, games, meets, or other external events until eligibility is restored.
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18 Section 4:
19 Dual enrollment classes are exempt from these academic regulations. However, school administrators retain the
20 authority to restrict participation if a student's performance in a dual enrollment course demonstrates a lack of
21 academic integrity or effort.
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23 Section 5:
24 This act does not override any existing school or district academic eligibility policy that already meets or exceeds the
25 standards set forth in this legislation.
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27 Section 6:
28 If school administrators can demonstrate clear academic progress or improvement from a student, they may grant
29 temporary eligibility for participation in events described in Section 3, even if current grades do not meet the required
30 threshold.
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32 Section 7:
33 Students with a GPA below 2.0 on a weighted 5.0 scale must attend at least two Extended School Services (ESS)
34 sessions per month until their GPA meets or exceeds the 2.0 requirement. Failure to attend the required sessions will
35 result in loss of eligibility to participate in events listed in Section 3.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW29	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lexi Galloway, Olivia Hardesty, JC Gray	Action on the Bill	
School: Greenwood HS	House	Senate
City:	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 AN ACT relating to honey as a state agricultural product and pollinator
2 protection.

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

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5 SECTION 1. KRS Chapter 2 is amended to create a new section to read as follows:

6 1. Honey is hereby designated as the official sweetener of the Commonwealth of
7 Kentucky.

8 2. The General Assembly recognizes that:

- 9 ○ Kentucky beekeepers produce thousands of pounds of honey annually,
10 contributing to the state’s agricultural economy;
- 11 ○ Honeybees play an essential role in pollination, supporting crops such as
12 apples, berries, pumpkins, etc.;
- 13 ○ Protecting pollinators is vital to sustaining Kentucky’s farms, gardens, and
14 ecosystems.

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16 SECTION 2. The last week of September shall be designated as “Honey Week” in Kentucky to
17 recognize and celebrate the importance of honeybees and beekeepers in the Commonwealth.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1st, 2026.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Red | CW30

**Referred to Committee:
 Senate**

Sponsors: Alex Combs, Lindsy Campbell, Billy Elsoueidi, Terry Davidson

Action on the Bill

School: Hazard HS

House

Senate

City: Hazard

Passed

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1 **An Act Relating To Increase Public Teacher Pay Through the Use of State Surplus Funds and Revenue Tax**
 2 **Surplus**
 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

4
 5 Section 1: This Act shall be known as the "Kentucky Teacher Pay Raise and Education Investment Act of 2025."

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 7 Section 2: Reasoning

- 8 - Kentucky places 42nd in the nation for teacher pay, with the average salary being \$56,296
 9 - Lower salaries lead to a shortage of teachers, and less desire for the profession
 10 - 10.9% of teachers left the profession in the 2023 school year
 11 - During the 2023–2024 school year 13% of all teaching vacancies remained unfilled for the year
 12 - Between 2019 and 2023, Kentucky had a 260% increase in the number of open teacher positions in schools.
 13 - Teacher shortages leads to a struggling education system in the state of Kentucky, affecting children's academic success and the future workforce
 14 - After adjusting to inflation, the average teacher salary in Kentucky is about 19,8% lower than it was in 2008, a drop of \$9,736.

15
 16 Section 3: Revoking of Faculty Pay from Per-Pupil Budgeting

- 17 - The base amount of per-pupil guarantees established under this section shall be determined by dividing the amount of SEEK funds appropriated into the state average daily attendance
 18 (ADA) of eligible pupils.
 19 - For purposes of this calculation, faculty compensation, consisting of salaries, benefits, and related personnel expenses for certified instructional personnel and administrative faculty, will
 20 be excluded from the base per-pupil expense.
 21 - The Kentucky Department of Education will mandate administrative regulations needed for the use of this section and specify uniform reporting and accounting of excluded faculty
 22 expenses.

23
 24 Section 4: Per-Faculty Allocation Formula

- 25 - There is created a "Faculty Allocation Fund" under the SEEK funding structure to support direct state aid for certified teaching staff, instructional specialists, and administrative faculty
 26 employed within the local school districts.
 27 - The Faculty Allocation Fund will not be included in per-pupil base funding determinations and will be a separate line item in the SEEK appropriation.

28
 29 Section 5: Per-Faculty Allocation Formula

- 30 - Each school district shall receive an annual faculty allocation based on the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) certified teaching and instructional staff employed as of October 1st,
 31 of the preceding fiscal year.
 32 - The base per-faculty allocation shall be established by the General Assembly in the biennial budget bill, and may be adjusted annually by the Department of Education to reflect
 33 inflationary costs and changes in average statewide compensation.
 34 - The Kentucky Department of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to implement and oversee the Faculty Allocation Fund, including verification
 35 of faculty counts, reporting requirements, and audit procedures to ensure compliance with this section.

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 37 Section 6: Minimum Salary Requirements


- 38 - Effective July 1, 2026, no local board of education shall compensate any full-time certified teacher employed in the public schools of the Commonwealth at less than sixty thousand
 39 dollars per year.
 40 - The minimum salary shall apply to all certified classroom teachers regardless of years of experience, grade level assignment, or subject area.
 41 - Districts may, at their discretion, exceed the minimum salary through local funds or additional compensation schedules.
 42 - Beginning July 1st, 2027, and each year thereafter, the minimum teacher salary established under subsection (a) shall be adjusted annually by the Department of Education to reflect the
 43 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for preceding calendar year.

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 45 Section 7: Amendment or Repealing of Contrary Provisions


46 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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 48 Section 8: Implementation Date

49 This act will be effective the next fiscal year after the implementation of this bill.
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 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW31							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Isabella Day, Taylor Loyall, Jade Singleton	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <th>House</th> <th>Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <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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City: Hodgenville								

1 **An Act Relating To Chronic Wasting Disease Testing on Whitetail Deer**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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6 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 150.730 IS CREATED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Rehabilitator centers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky must test their cervids
8 for Chronic Wasting Disease upon arrival at their facility to prevent the spread of Chronic
9 Wasting Disease.
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11 Section 2: Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal disease in cervids that has been evident since
12 1967 across the United States. This disease is neurological and causes a slow, painful death to
13 the cervid affected. Many animals affected become emaciated, uncoordinated, and very
14 lethargic. This disease spreads by contact with an affected animal and contaminates areas that
15 it has been.
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17 Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to grant rehabilitator centers the right to hold cervids in
18 captivity for rehabilitation purposes. In 2025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
19 euthanized 22 fawns at a Meade County wildlife refuge center, to limit the spread of Chronic
20 Wasting Disease.
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22 Section 4: Funding will be provided by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.
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24 Section 5: This Act will go into effect 90 days upon passage.

	Red CW32	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Bridget Faulkner, Joslyn Hinton, Brooke Lyvers	Action on the Bill	
School: LaRue Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Hodgenville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Continuing Education for Healthcare Providers
 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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


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 6 Section 1: A new section of KAR 201 9:3 10 is created to read as follows: All physicians and family
 7 healthcare providers are required to attend trainings every three years for special education guidelines and
 8 laws in public schools.

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 10 Section 2: Physicians and family healthcare providers are required to attend trainings every three years for
 11 their professions, but they are not required to attend any trainings on special education. This law proposes
 12 that healthcare providers are required to complete periodic training on the special education process, the
 13 IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Section 504, and school-based intervention systems).


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 15 Section 3: There have been multiple circumstances where a child is diagnosed by a doctor with some form of
 16 disability but the school district cannot give the child resources because it does not meet the requirements
 17 that the school has. This bill would ensure that diagnoses are not given by healthcare providers without
 18 knowing that the school district will provide resources for the child.

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 20 Section 4: These trainings would be an addition of the trainings already required for physicians and family
 21 healthcare providers, therefore the only costs would be resources and instructors for these trainings. The
 22 funds would come from government programs like Medicare, Medicaid, and the Health Resources and
 23 Services Administration (HRSA). These programs fund the trainings that are already required for healthcare
 24 professionals so they can be used for this additional training as well.

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 26 Section 5: This bill, regarding continuing education for healthcare providers, shall go into effect on August 1,
 27 2027.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW33	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Caris Taylor	Action on the Bill	
School: Logan Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Russellville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To improving Insurance Coverage for Cancer Patients
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 304 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 1. Private health insurance providers shall cover the cost of medically necessary scalp cooling treatments for
6 patients undergoing chemotherapy to prevent hair loss.
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8 2. Coverage shall include the procedure itself, any required equipment, and related professional services.
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10 3. This section applies to all health insurance plans issued, renewed, or extended in the Commonwealth of
11 Kentucky.
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13 4. Any statute in conflict with this Act is hereby amended or repealed.
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15 5. This Act shall take effect January 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW34						
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Sponsors: Brylee Truesdell, Jake Hampton, Kaden Kimble, Annabel Jackson	Action on the Bill <table><thead><tr><th>House</th><th>Senate</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td><td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td></tr><tr><td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td><td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td></tr></tbody></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 Relating To Lowering the Sales Tax of Grocery Goods

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

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Section 1: KRS 139.200 shall be amended so that grocery goods in the state of Kentucky shall be subject to a reduced sales tax rate of 3%, rather than the current rate of 6%.

Section 2: For the purposes of this bill, grocery goods are defined as unprepared food and beverages sold in retail grocery stores or supermarkets, excluding hot foods intended for immediate consumption. This is the same definition for items included in food stamps.

Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Revenue. Retailers will be required to adjust point-of-sale systems to reflect the reduced rate on qualifying items.

Section 4: The financial impact of this bill will be offset by maintaining the 6% tax on all non-grocery taxable goods. Any additional budget adjustments will be made through the state appropriations process.

Section 5: This act shall take effect January 1, 2026 in order for grocery stores to adjust their systems to the new tax rate.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW35	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Kenzie Myers, Adeline Pitman, Alyman Dalloul, Nate Johnston	Action on the Bill	
School: Murray HS	House	Senate
City: Murray	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To Student Health and Daily Recess

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

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Section 1. KRS Chapter 158 is amended to create a new section to read as follows:

Section 1: This bill will serve as an amendment to KRS 158 to create a new section highlighting students' physical wellbeing.

Section 2: Every public elementary school in the Commonwealth must provide all students in kindergarten through grade five with at least fifteen (15) minutes of daily recess during the regular school day.

Section 3: "Recess" in the context of this bill should be defined as unstructured, supervised free play that takes place outdoors when the weather is good, or in a suitable indoor space when bad weather stops outdoor play. Recess is different from the physical education time required by KRS 156.160.

Exemptions may be explored if the footage was useful in the resolution between fighting parties

Section 4: Recess time cannot be withheld or denied as a routine disciplinary action. Exceptions may occur only in situations where:

- a. Other restorative practices have been tried and failed
- b. Temporary removal is necessary to keep students safe or to maintain a safe school environment.


Section 5: Recess may not be cut or shortened schoolwide for any reason such as assemblies.

Section 6: Schools have until the first day of school to update their policies to align with the amended KRS 158

Section 7: If school policies are not updated by the first of school, schools will be fined (no less than \$1,000 per semester)

Section 8: Any statute contrary to this amendment shall be amended to correspond with the updated KRS 158.148

Section 8: This act will take effect the beginning of next school year 2026-2027

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW36						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Chance King, Charlie Bott, Ela Kays	Action on the Bill						
School: New Albany HS							
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1 **An Act Relating To Legalization of Hunting on Municipal Properties**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 Section 1: A new section of the KRS shall be created to read as follows: (1) Municipalities in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are authorized to
5 designate eligible municipal properties as hunting grounds, subject to approval and oversight by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife
6 Resources (KDFWR). (2) Nothing in this Act shall permit hunting on public properties without full compliance with all existing state hunting laws and
7 safety regulations established by the KDFWR.

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9 Section 2: Terms to include:
10 - Municipal Property: Land owned by a city or municipality that is no longer needed for direct governmental purposes and may be sold, leased, or
11 repurposed for public use.
12 - Overpopulation: A condition in which the population density of a species exceeds the carrying capacity of its environment, leading to ecological
13 degradation
14 - Hunting: The lawful pursuit and taking of wildlife for population control, food, or recreation

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16 Section 3: Municipal participation in this program shall be voluntary. Municipalities may apply to the KDFWR to have qualifying properties designated
17 as official hunting grounds. Each application must include a safety and land management plan approved by the Department.

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19 Section 4: Eligible properties must exceed 100 contiguous acres, be located at least 1,000 feet from residential areas or schools, and be suitable for
20 firearm or archery hunting under state safety guidelines. Smaller tracts may be approved for archery-only hunting at the discretion of the Department.

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22 Section 5: Municipalities shall post clear signage, fencing, and boundary markers to prevent unauthorized access. All hunters must carry valid Kentucky
23 hunting licenses and municipal hunting access permits while on site. The discharge of firearms or bows outside designated zones is strictly prohibited
24 and subject to existing state penalties.

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26 Section 5: The KDFWR shall monitor wildlife populations and environmental conditions on participating properties. Hunting seasons, bag limits, and
27 species control programs will be established based on biological data and conservation best practices.


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29 Section 6: Municipalities may issue access passes or parking permits to generate revenue for land maintenance and enforcement. At least 50% of all
30 local permit revenue shall remain with the municipality for reinvestment in land recovery, staffing, and safety. Remaining funds may be remitted to the
31 state for broader wildlife management and conservation efforts.

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33 Section 7: Initial costs shall include fencing, signage, and administrative setup. These costs will be offset by revenue from access passes and hunting
34 permits. Municipalities may apply for state conservation grants to cover startup expenses. Over time, the program shall be self-sustaining, requiring
35 no additional appropriations from the General Fund.

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37 Section 8: The KDFWR shall approve municipal applications, enforce safety and wildlife management standards, and conduct annual reviews of
38 program effectiveness and financial sustainability. Municipal hunting grounds shall operate in the same manner as existing state-controlled public
39 hunting lands, with equivalent enforcement authority granted to KDFWR officers.

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41 Section 9: Any funds expended for initial setup shall be recovered within a reasonable timeframe through license, permit, and access pass revenues.
42 Revenues will be reinvested into environmental restoration, staffing, and facility upkeep.

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44 Section 10: This Act shall take effect on January 1st, 2028.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW37	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Teagen Blandford, Oliver Tang, Jake Lutgen, Jack Ransdell	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To Kentucky Pay Equity Advancement Act
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Purpose

The purpose of this bill is that despite existing equal-pay protections under KRS statutes, a gender pay still persists in the state of Kentucky. Increased transparency, stronger enforcement, and proactive reporting are necessary to identify, reduce, and remedy pay disparities.

Section 1

“Employer”: Same as defined under KRS 337.420

“Pay Disparity”: A statistically significant difference in compensation between employees of different genders after controlling for relevant, legitimate factors

“Covered Employer”: Employers in Kentucky with 50 or more employees (new threshold for stronger obligations)

“Pay Audit”: A systematic internal review of compensation practices, including wage, benefits, bonuses, and any other remuneration, to detect potential pay disparities

“Pay Equity Plan”: A documented plan by which an employer commits to actions to eliminate identified pay disparities

Section 2

Annual Pay Equity Report - Covered employers must submit to the Kentucky Department of Labor (KDOL) a pay equity report each year, disaggregated by gender. The report must include: Average base salary by gender and job category, average total compensation by gender and job category, number of employees by gender in each pay band/job level, results of any pay audit from the prior year, including identified disparities and actions taken. Individual employee data must be anonymized.

Section 3

Covered employers must conduct a pay audit every three years. The audit must analyze pay disparities while controlling for: job role, performance, tenure, education, hours worked, etc.. If a pay audit reveals pay disparity, the employer must create a “Pay Equity Plan” within six months of the audit’s completion. This “Pay Equity Plan” includes: a description of the identified pay gaps, a timeline and measures for corrective adjustments, preventive measures to avoid future disparities, accountability structure. Employers must submit the “Pay Equity Plan” to KDOL for revision (if inadequate) and certification.

Section 4


KDOL shall have the authority to investigate complaints, review pay audit data, and enforce corrective actions. If an employer fails to file the annual report, conduct pay audits, or implement a certified Pay Equity Plan they are subject to the following penalties. First violation: non-monetary warning and requirement to comply. Following violations: civil fines and public report of non-compliance.

Section 5


KDOL will establish a support program to provide grants or tax credits to small employers (50-100 employees) to assist with cost of pay audits and pay equity plan implementation.

Section 6


This act becomes effective January 1, 2027. First pay equity reports are due 6/7/202

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW38	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lincoln Krezmien, Keira Justice	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Relating to the Prevention of Negative Repercussions of Rural Acid Mine Drainage**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A NEW STATUTE OF KRS CHAPTER 224 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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6 This bill will require the current Kentucky Acid Mine Drainage Abatement Program (AMDAP) to more intensively regulate
7 environmental cleanup efforts and provide regular health checks to impacted rural communities that utilize natural
8 waterways as their municipal water source, and to provide more adequate water sources if needed.
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10 Section 2: The requirements for improved programming work to mitigate the environmental and health effects of acid
11 mine drainage. The bill will further implement current initiatives of AMDAP and utilize new strategies to address
12 previously ignored issues relating to polluted water sources. These strategies include: an increase in limestone dumping
13 to reduce water acidity, the addition of AMDAP branches/ representatives in isolated, underrepresented rural areas, and
14 regular health screenings and water testing for residents and their water sources.
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16 Section 3: This bill will need no extra funding from the taxpayers of Kentucky. Any costs implemented by this bill will be
17 paid for by the partial reallocation of funds that previously supported companies that partake in non-sustainable
18 environmental practices, such as coal and other ore mining.
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20 Section 4: Our bill addresses communities within 30 miles of an ore or coal mine, or whose main water source is
21 susceptible to contamination by acid-mine drainage. Our bill will reallocate an estimated 14 million dollars over the
22 course of each fiscal year.
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24 Section 5: Punishment for this neglect to keep safety as a top priority is a fine of no lower than \$5,000, and will double
25 with every additional offence. Moreover, if AMDAP health checks reveal that harmful mineral health issues are acid-mine
26 drainage-related, then offenders will be forced to pay any bills related to these effects.
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28 Section 6: The actions and regulations presented in this bill will be enacted and overseen by the Kentucky Department
29 for Public Health. All health and water reports shall be sent directly to and reviewed by the Department for Public Health
30 to ensure the safety of rural populations.
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32 Section 7: The funds provided shall be reviewed based on annual performance evaluations, with adjustments made to
33 the program and its branches depending on the need for funding, effectiveness, and progress.
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35 Section 8: This bill will go into effect 6 months after the date of passage

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW39	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ashley Williams, clayton Hobbs, Kaylee Jones	Action on the Bill	
School: Northside Baptist Christian School	House	Senate
City: Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Firearms and the Establishment of Risk Protection Orders**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section A: A new section of KRS Chapter 237 is created to read as follows: The goal of this bill is to create a
5 Risk Protection Order (RPO) system in Kentucky. This would allow courts to temporarily take away firearms
6 from people who are shown to be a danger to themselves or others. By doing this, we hope to prevent
7 suicides, stop violent acts before they happen, and give families, schools, and law enforcement a clear legal
8 way to step in when someone shows warning signs.
9 Section B: The following people would be allowed to file for a Risk Protection Order in the District Court: (1)
10 Law Enforcement Officers, (2) Immediate family members or people living in the same household, (3) Licensed
11 mental health professionals, (4) School administration or teachers who personally know of concerning
12 behavior.
13 Section C: The following are requirements for issuance of an RPO: (1) There must be specific details and
14 evidence that show the person poses a threat to themselves or anyone else with a firearm. (2) If the court
15 finds probable cause, a temporary RPO will be issued. (3) There must be a full hearing within (14) days to
16 determine whether a final RPO needs to be issued. (4) A Final RPO could last up to 12 months and may be
17 renewed if it is determined that the individual remains a risk to themselves or others.
18 Section D: When a Temporary or Final RPO is issued, the person must turn in all firearms, ammunition, and
19 firearm licenses to the local sheriff’s office within forty-eight (48) hours. Law enforcement will give them a
20 receipt and keep everything safe until the order ends or is lifted.
21 Section E: The following penalties will be imposed for violations of the RPO: (1) Anyone who knowingly files
22 a false or malicious petition will face a Class A misdemeanor, including possible fines and court costs. (2)
23 Anyone who violates an active RPO will face a Class D felony.
24 Section F: The Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts will create forms, training, and procedures to
25 make sure this process is carried out fairly and consistently in every county.
26 Section G: This bill would take effect January 1, 2027, giving time for training, preparation, and public
27 awareness before it comes into law.

	Red CW40	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Olivia a, Raelynn Pendergrass, laveenya Siddon	Action on the Bill	
School: Owensboro HS City: Owensboro	House ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	Senate ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Protecting Kentucky’s Waterways.**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**
5 The General Assembly finds that protecting riparian areas, reducing pollution from failing septic systems and runoff, and aligning
6 with drinking-water protections are essential to preserve Kentucky’s waters. The Division of Water identifies impaired waters that
7 threaten public health and local economies. Clean waterways support agriculture, industry, recreation, and tourism, generating over
8 \$14 billion in 2024.
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10 **SECTION 2.**
11 This Act shall be known as the Kentucky Waterway Buffer and Source Protection Act of 2026, administered by the Energy and
12 Environment Cabinet through the Division of Water.
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14 **SECTION 3. STATEWIDE RIPARIAN BUFFERS.**
15 Beginning July 1, 2027, new development or disturbance within
16 (a) a source-water protection area, or
17 (b) an impaired waterbody identified by the Division of Water,
18 shall maintain vegetated riparian buffers of at least 50 feet on perennial streams, 25 feet on intermittent streams, and 75 feet
19 around lakes.
20 Agriculture and forestry operations remain compliant if using Best Management Practices (BMPs) approved by the Cabinet. Local
21 governments may adopt stricter protections to safeguard community waterways.
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23 **SECTION 4. TOURISM AND LAND DEVELOPMENT.**
24 Waterways are vital to Kentucky’s tourism and recreation economy. Major developments within buffer zones shall file a Waterway
25 Impact Statement (WIS) demonstrating compliance with applicable water-quality and land-use standards.
26 The Energy and Environment Cabinet shall partner with the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to create Blue Corridor Destinations -
27 initiatives that promote public access, ecotourism, and restoration through grants and cooperative programs.
28
29 **SECTION 5. SEPTIC AND WATER QUALITY.**
30 By January 1, 2028, on-site sewage systems within 300 feet of streams or lakes in source-water areas shall be inspected and
31 pumped every five years. Failing systems must be repaired within 12 months, and proof of inspection shall be required at property
32 transfer.
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34 **SECTION 6. PFAS, FUNDING, AND ENFORCEMENT.**
35 The Division of Water shall establish PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) standards and develop source-control plans for
36 affected utilities.
37 The Cabinet may utilize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and other environmental programs for buffer restoration, septic
38 upgrades, and stormwater projects.
39 Regulations shall ensure no net loss of buffer function, and violations shall be subject to penalties under KRS 224.99-010.
40 This Act takes effect ninety (90) days after adjournment, with buffer compliance beginning in 2027 and septic compliance in 2028.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW41	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Liv Zanni, Reese Himes, Carter Malott	Action on the Bill	
School: Red Oaks Forest HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Mandating Rainwater Collection Systems in Construction**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 198B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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6 All commercial new construction where the building's square footage exceeds 20,000 sq ft are hereby
7 mandated to install all rainwater collection system elements proportionate to the building size. Mandatory
8 elements are as follows: Collection sheets, inlet filter, first flush diverter, storage tank, overflow spout,
9 control system, treatment system, pump, backflow preventor, flow meter, power supply, and water level
10 indicator.
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12 Section 2.
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14 As a benefit of having installed these systems, companies shall receive a state-provided rebate equivalent to
15 15% of the cost of water usage fees on the amount of water equivalent to the rainwater they use and
16 collect.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW42	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Raeanna abdon, Katie Keeton, Ella Wilson	Action on the Bill	
School: Russell HS		
City: Russell		
	House	Senate
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An Act Relating To Firearm Ownership and Safety

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

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An Amendment to Current Firearm Ownership and Safety Policies.

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to promote responsible gun ownership, ensure public safety, and reduce firearm-related violence by updating licensing, registration, and eligibility requirements for firearm possession in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2. Licensing Requirements

- All individuals who wish to own, purchase, or carry a firearm must obtain a valid Kentucky Firearm License (KFL).
- Applicants must:
 - Be at least 18 years of age (21 for rifles or large firearms).
 - Successfully complete a state-approved firearm safety and responsibility course.
 - The license must be renewed every four years and remain in possession while carrying a firearm.

Section 3. Registration of Firearms

- All firearms shall be registered under the legal owner's name and residential address, similar to vehicle registration.
- The Kentucky Department of Public Safety shall maintain a secure firearm registry database accessible to law enforcement.
- Failure to register a firearm within 30 days of purchase or transfer shall result in fines and possible confiscation of the firearm.

Section 4. Firearm Transfer and Sale

- Any sale or transfer of a firearm between private individuals shall occur through an authorized transfer process at a county courthouse or licensed firearm dealer.
- A background check and ownership verification must be completed before the transfer is approved.
- Unauthorized or undocumented sales will constitute a Class B misdemeanor for both parties involved.

Section 5. Prohibited Possession

No person shall own or possess a firearm who:

- Has been convicted of a felony or violent crime, including assault or aggravated assault.
- Is subject to any active restraining order, including those related to domestic violence, stalking, or harassment.
- Has been adjudicated as mentally ill or admitted to a mental health facility.
- Has a history of drug addiction or abuse.
- Has been dishonorably discharged from the United States military.
- Has renounced U.S. citizenship.

Section 6. Enforcement and Penalties

- Violations of licensing, registration, or prohibited possession provisions shall result in penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment, depending on severity.
- Law enforcement agencies shall be granted authority to verify firearm registration and licensing status during lawful encounters.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Red | CW43

Referred to Committee:
House

Sponsors: Ada Nickerson, Ashley Harwood, Gracie Wright

School: Scott HS

City: Taylor Mill

Action on the Bill

House

Senate

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1 **An Act Relating To Repealing the Moment of Silence**
 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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 4 Section 1. The following KRS section is repealed: KRS 158.175 - Recitation of Lord’s prayer and pledge of
 5 allegiance - Instruction in proper respect for and display of the flag - Observation of moment of silence or
 6 reflection

7 Section 2. This repeal will go into effect August 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW44	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Gracyn Hill, Kenny Chen, Isaac Edwards	Action on the Bill	
School: South Warren HS		
City: Bowling Green		
	House	Senate
	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To the Expansion of Rural Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and**
2 **Making an Appropriation Therefore**
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 SECTION 1. A NEW CHAPTER OF CHAPTER 194A TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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7 The Rural Mental Health Assistance Initiative of 2025 is hereby established under the Cabinet. The cabinet shall partner with the
8 Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission to administer the Initiative. The Cabinet shall:
9 - Establish new community mental health units in rural areas of the Commonwealth;
10 - Establish Crisis Stabilization Units in counties along the Appalachian region;
11 - Reallocate funds to mental health service facilities deemed “in need,” due to, but not limited to: Rates of patient recovery
12 below average, Poor standards of living within the facility, or low patient satisfaction a month after staying at such facility;
13 - Establish accessible technological mental health services, such as secure videoconferencing services, train mental health staff in
14 telehealth, and subsidize access to rural Kentucky areas.

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16 SECTION 2: The Cabinet defines “Community Mental Health Units” as facility-based service centers that provide ongoing,
17 comprehensive mental health care outside of an emergency-based setting within a community.

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19 SECTION 3. The Cabinet defines “Crisis Stabilization Units” as immediate, intensive mental health care facilities for individuals in
20 psychiatric crisis who do not require inpatient hospitalization but cannot be managed in outpatient settings.


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22 SECTION 4. The Cabinet shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the progress of the initiative, including:
23 - Number of locations of new units established
24 - Amount of funding allocated throughout the facilities
25 - Change in data pertaining to mental health in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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27 A committee comprising representatives of the initiative, local health departments, and mental health services shall meet
28 semiannually to review and revise further allocation of funds and actions.


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30 SECTION 5. The Kentucky Department of Education shall be granted 10% of initiative funds to forgive student loans of in-state
31 psychology majors who commit to work in newly established mental health facilities for a minimum of 3 years after the facility's
32 establishment, starting in fiscal year 2026

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34 SECTION 6. The Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Committee shall allocate Twenty-Five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in fiscal
35 year 2025-2026 and Twenty-Five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Cabinet for Health and Family
36 Services for the purpose of implementing the Rural Mental Health Assistance Initiative of 2025.

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38 SECTION 7. The General Assembly shall reassess this act in fiscal year 2027-2028 to determine its effectiveness and decide on
39 continuation, modification, or repeal.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY		Red CW45
			Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: James Garnett, Riley Shaughnessy, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Cadiz		<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act relating to income tax on minors
 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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 4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 141 is created to read as follows: Because of
 5 the lack of voting rights for students under 18, income tax will be eliminated for workers
 6 under the age of 18.
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 8 Section 2: In Kentucky, employed minors are required to pay state income tax, despite
 9 not having the right to vote. Citizens aged 14-17 will gain the right to vote and
 10 participate in government on their 18th birthday. Concurrently, they will then become
 11 obligated to pay the Commonwealth's income taxes upon reaching the age of 18.
 12 Employers will be required to implement this change to remain compliant with state tax
 13 law, KRS Chapter 141.
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 15 Section 3: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2027. Allowing the Commonwealth
 16 14 months to adapt to these necessary changes.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW46	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Landen Blincoe, Grafton Brackett, Matthew Craft, Charlie Gaunt	Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Increasing Penalties for Distracted Driving in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS: The purpose of this Act is to strengthen penalties for distracted driving to reduce
6 accidents and fatalities caused by mobile device use while driving. (a) "Distracted driving"
7 means operating a motor vehicle while using, holding, or viewing an electronic device for any
8 non-emergency purpose;(b) "Electronic device"includes but is not limited to cell phones,
9 tablets, laptops, or smartwatches capable of messaging, calling, or internet use;(c) "Repeat
10 offender"means any driver cited for distracted driving two (2) or more times within five (5)
11 years.

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13 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS: (a) A first offense shall result in a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and
15 completion of a state-approved distracted driving course;(b) A repeat offense shall result in a
16 five hundred dollar (\$500) fine, three (3) license points, and a thirty (30) day suspension;(c) Any
17 offense causing injury or death shall be a Class A misdemeanor. Law enforcement may conduct
18 targeted enforcement campaigns coordinated by the Kentucky State Police and Transportation
19 Cabinet.

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21 SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS
22 FOLLOWS: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet shall distribute educational materials in
23 schools, driving programs, and licensing courses on distracted driving dangers. All fine revenue
24 shall go to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety to fund (a) public awareness, (b) school and
25 driver education, and (c) enforcement initiatives.

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27 SECTION 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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29 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW48	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Isaac Bowling, Davis Dauk, Eli Jones, Beckham Lipp	Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Prevention and Treatment of Opioid Abuse and Making an Appropriation Therefor.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 218A IS CREATED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS: (1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall establish a Comprehensive
6 Opioid Prevention and Treatment Program (COPT) focused on prevention, education, treatment,
7 and recovery support. (2) The program shall include: (a) Opioid awareness education in all
8 public middle and high schools on misuse risks and prevention;(b) Community Treatment
9 Centers in each Area Development District offering free or low-cost treatment and recovery
10 services;(c) A 24-hour Opioid Support Hotline for overdose response and family support;and
11 (d) A grant program for law enforcement and first responders to obtain and use naloxone
12 (Narcan).


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14 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS
15 FOLLOWS: (1) The Department of Education shall develop and distribute opioid prevention
16 curriculum for grades six (6) through twelve (12). (2) Each district shall ensure annual
17 instruction on opioid misuse prevention. (3) Annual staff training on recognizing opioid misuse
18 shall be provided.

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20 SECTION 3. Any misuse of funds under this Act shall be a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by
21 a fine up to five hundred dollars (\$500), imprisonment up to twelve (12) months, or both.


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23 SECTION 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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25 SECTION 5. There is appropriated to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from the
26 General Fund five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in fiscal year 2025–2026 for program
27 implementation. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, unexpended funds shall not lapse but carry
28 forward.

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30 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW49	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Bella Brunson, Emma Dill, Ajae Oatts, Emily Smith	Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To Requiring a Drivers Ed Course as a Graduation Requirement in all Kentucky High Schools
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: This bill would be added to section 1 of KRS 186.415 making a course be to required to complete
- 5 before a drivers permit test is administered.
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- 7 Section 2: This bill would make a driving course required in which a student would accumulate 20 hours in a
- 8 months time before a permit test can be administered. If the course fails to be completed, a permit test
- 9 cannot be administered.
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- 11 Section 3: This bill will be enacted on January 1st, 2026. This bill applies to people who turn 15, which is the
- 12 age in which teenagers can take a permit test in Kentucky, on or after this date.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW50	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Palin Hampton, Kendall Hancock, Hugh Sisk, Winni Zheng	Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

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An Act Relating To School Lead Mentorship Programs
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) This law is being implemented to provide guidance and support to juniors and seniors through first hand career experience. (2) This program shall pair experienced mentors with students to foster professional growth, enhance leadership skills, and help spark interest in their future career paths.

Section 2: Mentors will provide guidance and support to students in areas such as leadership, staff management, and community engagement. This program will include regular meetings, observations, and feedback sessions. Students will be provided with professional development opportunities focused on mentorship practice and relevant educational topics to help them decide which career path they want to follow.

Section 3: It is mandatory for each public school to implement and administer the program. The program will be evaluated annually to assess its effectiveness in supporting students, the seniors planned career outcomes, and the juniors willingness to continue the program through a state wide. This is intended to give students experience along with school credits which will count as a semester long high school class.

Section 4: This Act will go into effect by August 1, 2026.