



BLUEGRASS BILLS

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**



Referred to Committee:
House

Action on the Bill

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

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



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 <div> KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill </div>	Blue BG3							
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Sponsors: Kent Ross, Eli Thomas, Harper Thornberry, Braxton White	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <th data-bbox="1073 430 1323 483">House</th> <th data-bbox="1323 430 1549 483">Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1073 483 1323 525">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td data-bbox="1323 483 1549 525">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1073 525 1323 588">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td data-bbox="1323 525 1549 588">____ <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: Auburn ES								
City: Auburn								

1 An Act Relating To Mandatory Substance Use Rehabilitation Following Positive Drug Tests
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 222 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any person, age
5 eighteen (18) or older, who fails a drug test is required to participate in mandatory rehabilitation, regardless
6 of the severity, drug usage, or circumstance.
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8 Section 2: (a) Any individual who receives a verified positive drug test result shall be required to undergo an
9 assessment by a licensed provider within ten (10) business days of notification. (b) If the assessment
10 indicates a substance use disorder as defined in KRS 222.005, the individual shall participate in a certified
11 rehabilitation or treatment program approved by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. (c) The licensed
12 treatment provider shall determine the duration and level of care.
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14 Section 3: Participants shall provide documentation of enrollment, attendance, and completion to the court.
15 Failure to comply with requirements may result in: (1) Suspension from employment programs or benefits, (2)
16 Court sanctions, or (3) Referral to involuntary treatment.
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18 Section 4: All records related to assessments and treatment under this section shall be in accordance with
19 KRS 222.211, and shall not be used for criminal prosecution.
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21 Section 5: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall coordinate with the Office of Drug Control Policy
22 to develop funding and partnerships with certified treatment facilities to ensure access to services for
23 individuals subject to this section.
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25 Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026.
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27 Section 7: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.



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

Section 2: Patrons of bars, night clubs, restaurants, and other establishments that sell alcohol will undergo mandatory breathalyzer testing to determine blood alcohol count if that patron has consumed two or more alcoholic beverages within an hour. This is to determine if that patron is over the current legal limit to drive.

Section 4: If an establishment doesn't comply, a first offense will be a fine of \$750, a second offense will be \$1,500, and a third offense will cost \$3,000, and on the fourth offense a mandatory employee training will be enforced. This training will be provided by the Kentucky State Police Department.

Section 5: This act will go into effect by January 1st, 2026

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG5	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Corina Little, mikey Cooley	Action on the Bill	
School: Duff-Allen Central ES		
City: Eastern		
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1An Act Relating To the creation of flood shelters in Eastern Kentucky

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

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4Section 1. A new section of KRS 39A.030 K is created to read as follows: (1) The Kentucky Division of

5Emergency Management shall create a system of flood shelters in counties across Eastern Kentucky. (2)

6These shelters shall provide safe and secure places for people to stay during floods and other severe

7weather emergencies, including tornadoes and strong storms. (3) Each shelter must include food, clean

8water, bathrooms, basic medical supplies, and space for people to sleep. (4) When the shelters are not being

9used for emergencies, they will serve as community buildings that meet local needs, such as hosting

10community events, educational programs, or providing space for local organizations. (5) The Division of


11Emergency Management will work with local governments, fire departments, and community groups to build

12and staff the shelters. (6) People who stay in the shelters during floods and other natural disasters will be

13responsible for helping to maintain the shelters when in use.

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15Section 2. Any law that conflicts with this Act shall be changed or removed.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Blue BG6						
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Sponsors: Evy Maggard, Hadley Floyd, Gavin Merida, Sarah New	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>
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An Act Relating To Mandatory Reporting of Suspected Animal Abuse by Veterinarians

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


Section 1: Animal abuse, including cruelty and neglect, harms pets, livestock, and wildlife across the state of Kentucky. Veterinarians are often the first to notice signs of neglect or cruelty. Under the current law, veterinarians may report suspected animal abuse, but they are not required to. Making reporting mandatory will help protect animals, assist law enforcement and animal welfare officials, and have Kentucky’s veterinarians play an important role in preventing cruelty and neglect.

Section 2: A new section of KRS Chapter 321 is created to read: All licensed veterinarians in Kentucky who believe that an animal in their care has been abused or neglected will report the suspected abuse to the proper authorities. Reports involving animals will be made to local animal control, law enforcement, or the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for those involving livestock. Reports will be made within two days of examining or treating the animal.

Section 3: The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners will oversee compliance with this bill. Failure to report suspected animal abuse may result in disciplinary action, including written warnings, mandatory ethics training, or suspension of veterinary license.

Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. All current laws and penalties regarding animal cruelty and abuse will remain in effect. This bill only changes the reporting requirement for licensed veterinarians.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG7
	Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Julianne Creager, Andrew Bickett, Linnèa Lee, Kaitlyn Zeigler	Action on the Bill
School: Edythe J. Hayes MS	
City: Lexington	
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An Act Relating To Recycling in Kentucky Public Schools


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

Section 1: Kentucky’s environment is one of our greatest responsibilities. Schools across the state generate large amounts of paper, cardboard, and plastic waste every day, and much of that ends in landfills. By recycling these materials, schools can reduce landfill waste, save energy, and set an example for environmental leadership. Many cities and counties across Kentucky already offer free or discounted recycling pickup, yet many schools have removed recycling bins.


Section 2: KRS Chapter 160 is amended to read as follows: Each local board of education shall ensure that every public school in its district establishes a recycling program for paper, cardboard, and plastics. Schools will provide recycling bins in appropriate areas and may partner with local recycling centers or neighboring districts for collection services.

Section 3: This bill would not pose additional cost for Kentucky tax payers. Funding would come from existing grant money offered through the Kentucky Division of Waste Management and the Kentucky Pride Fund which offers grants for these programs each year, often ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Additionally, districts that recycle can keep any funds earned from the sale of recyclable materials to support school recycling or environmental programs.

Section 4: This Act will take effect at the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG8	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ivy Snyder, Maddie Taylor, Ella Diaz, Jordyn Grover	Action on the Bill	
School: Franklin-Simpson MS	House	Senate
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- 1 An Act Relating To providing a mandatory recess like break for K- 12.
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: Mandatory Mind and Social break period everyday needs at least a minimum of twenty minutes of
- 5 a break a day for K-12 students. It is up to the principals how long the break may be.
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- 7 Section 2: This activity does not involve physical movement and participation is entirely optional. Students
- 8 who choose not to participate may use this time for quiet rest, personal study, or independent work.
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- 10 Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to promote student mental health by reducing anxiety that can hinder
- 11 academic success, motivation, and a positive school mindset.
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- 13 Section 4: If a school or school district fails to comply with the provisions of this law, the following penalties
- 14 shall apply:
- 15 First Offense: The school district will receive a fine of \$1,000.
- 16 Second Offense: The school district will receive a fine of \$5,000.
- 17 Third Offense: The school district will receive a fine of \$10,000.
- 18 Repeated failure to comply with this law may also result in further review by the Kentucky Department of
- 19 Education.
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- 21 Section 5: This bill will not require any funds from tax payer money or any other government associations.
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- 23 Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.
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- 25 Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.
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- 27 Section 8: This law will go into effect on July 1st 2026.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Blue BG9						
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Sponsors: Isaac Simmons, Luke Harrison, Lukas Stout, Blake Sturtevant	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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An Act Relating To providing Universal Pre-K opportunities for every Kentucky child.

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

Section 1: This law shall provide accessible pre-kindergarten education for all Kentucky children ages 3–5 to promote school readiness, lifelong learning, and equal educational opportunity.


Section 2: This law will also support families by allowing parents to enter or remain in the workforce while their children attend pre-K. This provides financial stability for families, strengthens the economy, and enhances family well-being. At the same time, students benefit from early learning experiences that build social, emotional, and academic skills, helping them succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Section 3: The funding for this initiative will allocate \$172 million annually over a two-year budget cycle to support universal pre-kindergarten for children ages 3–5. The program will be financed through a combination of federal funding, Kentucky’s budget surplus, and the state’s record-setting Rainy Day Fund, ensuring both sustainability and fiscal responsibility.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Early Childhood, shall be responsible for overseeing and enforcing the budget and implementation of universal pre-K programs across the state.

Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 6: This law will go into effect on July 1st 2026.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Red BG10						
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Sponsors: Layla Jagers, Addie Shelton, Allie Roberts, Hayden Clifford	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>
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An act relating to allowing middle school students in Kentucky schools to have an additional five days of excused absences for Mental Health Days

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


Section 1: Teens all around Kentucky face mental health challenges, and there at times when a student may need a day to focus on their mental well-being. This bill would allow students to take up to five additional days of excused absences per school year, specifically for Mental Health Days. providing time to consult with parents, mental health professionals, or simply rest and improve their mental health.

Section 2: A New Section of KRS Chapter 159 is created to read as follows: 159.036 Excused Absences
Mental Health Days Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, any child who is mentally unable to attend school can be excused for up to five (5) days of temporary absence for cause by the principal, guidance counselor, or licensed counselor who works in partnership with the school district which the child attends, with absence for cause by illness being required to include the mental or behavioral health of the child for which the child need not provide a medical note, in which case the child shall be given the opportunity to make up any school work missed during the mental or behavioral health absence, and after the second mental health day used, may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

Section 3: There are no additional costs needed to enforce this bill.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education through each local school board.

Section 5: This bill will be implemented during the 2026 – 2027 school year.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Red BG11						
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Sponsors: Tate Bales, Jax Vickery, Kaylee Rucker, Sadie Holbert	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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An Act Relating To Requiring all Kentucky Public Middle Schools to Provide and Maintain an Outdoor Learning Area for Instructional Use

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

Section 1: Research shows outdoor learning increases focus, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Since middle school students do not get guaranteed recess by law (KRS 160.345), the addition of an outdoor learning area could provide an opportunity for physical movement, engagement, and enhanced learning. This bill calls for all Kentucky public middle schools to provide and maintain an outdoor learning area for instructional use.

Section 2: This bill amends KRS 160.345 (Required adoption of school councils for school-based decision making) Section 2.i.5 to read: Determination of use of school space during the school day related to improving classroom teaching and learning. Each public middle school shall provide and maintain at least one designated outdoor learning area to be used for instructional purposes, as determined by the school council. The outdoor learning area shall be safe, accessible, and designed to support classroom teaching and learning.

Section 3: This bill will be funded through federal grants for environmental education, donations from local businesses and community members, state education allocations, and/or local school district budgets.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education through each local school board. Each school shall submit a yearly report to the Kentucky Department of Education showing how the outdoor area is used.

Section 5: This bill will phase into effect starting with the 2026–2027 school year as a pilot year. No fewer than 10 Kentucky middle schools will begin planning, budgeting, and/or fundraising for the funds needed for an outdoor classroom area. By the 2027–2028 school year, all Kentucky public middle schools will start collecting funds and budgeting for the outdoor space. By the 2028–2029 school year, this law will go into full effect, and all public middle schools should have an outdoor learning area ready for student use.



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

Section 2: This bill amends KRS 158.162 (Mandatory adoption of emergency management response plan in each school) Section 3.e.3 to read: Ensure that a minimum of three (3) employees in the school and all interscholastic athletic coaches be trained on the use of a portable automated external defibrillator in accordance with KRS 311.667, and require that at least one teacher per grade level in each Kentucky middle school be trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external defibrillator (AED) use, and basic First Aid techniques.

Section 3: This bill will be funded by state funds allocated for public health and safety in schools, federal grants for public health and safety, local health departments, nonprofit organizations, and/or local school district budgets.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education through each local school board of education in collaboration with local health departments and local health providers.

Section 5: This bill will be implemented during the 2026 - 2027 school year.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Red BG14						
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Sponsors: Callie Storck, Elise Soldato, Sadie Staab, Ed DeMarcus	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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To An act relating to the requirement for all students in Kentucky public schools, grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade, to receive free daily lunches.

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


Section 1: This bill would ensure that every student in Kentucky’s public K–12 schools has access to a free, nutritious lunch each day. Lunches will adhere to USDA standards, including fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy, and carbohydrates to promote balanced nutrition. The purpose of this bill is to reduce hunger among Kentucky’s students, particularly those facing hardships at home where food may be scarce. Providing free school lunches would help ensure that all children, regardless of family income or circumstance, are able to learn and thrive without the burden of food insecurity. Funding will be distributed through the Kentucky Department of Education to all public schools. Schools will manage meal service as they currently do, but will no longer charge students or families for the standard lunch meal.

Section 2: Currently, Kentucky law already provides free or reduced-price lunches for students who qualify based on family income. This bill would not alter or reduce those existing benefits. Instead, it expands the program to include all remaining K–12 public school students, regardless of household income. Students who already receive free or reduced lunch would see no change, while students who currently pay for lunch would now receive it at no cost. This change creates a universal free lunch program for all Kentucky public school students.

Section 3: The estimated cost of providing free lunches to all K–12 public school students in Kentucky is approximately \$300,000 annually. Funding for this program will come from a reallocation of existing state tax revenues. Taxes would be adjusted slightly, with an estimated 4% increase, to cover the total cost of the initiative. By shifting resources within the state’s education and nutrition budgets, this program can be implemented without significantly raising the overall tax burden on Kentucky citizens.

Section 4: Schools that fail to comply with this law will risk the loss of federal and state education funding. Additionally, schools that do not provide free lunch as required may be subject to legal action from parents or guardians on behalf of their children. These consequences will ensure that all schools meet the standard of providing free lunches to every student.

Section 5: This bill would take effect on July 1, 2027, with a 1-year grace period before penalties.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Red BG15						
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Sponsors: Chase Bilodeau, Cooper Lattus, Peyton Toliver, Alden Pitman	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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An Act Relating To Requiring Keyless Entry Systems in Kentucky Public Schools

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 READS AS FOLLOWS: all public schools in Kentucky shall utilize a keyless entry system.

Section 2. A keyless entry shall be defined as a system that allows users to unlock doors and control access via a keycard, keyfob, or mobile app.

Section 3: Keyless entry systems shall be funded via the Kentucky Budget which currently has a surplus of \$312,000,000.



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

Section 2: Many devices purchased between 2020 and 2022 are now nearing the end of their functional lifespan, with issues including failing batteries, outdated operating systems, and incompatibility with current educational software. Without replacement funding, schools—especially those in rural and low-income areas—face the risk of falling behind in providing equitable access to technology for their students.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall oversee the application and distribution process for these earmarked funds. Each district must submit a Technology Replacement Plan outlining current inventory, age of devices, and the number of units requiring replacement. KDE will review and approve funding based on demonstrated need and available state resources.

Section 6: The purpose of this legislation is to ensure Kentucky's students remain prepared for a modern, technology-integrated world. Reliable access to current digital tools is essential for learning, assessment, communication, and future workforce readiness. Maintaining this access supports Kentucky's long-term educational equity and competitiveness.

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<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Red BG17						
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Sponsors: Olivia Honadel, Madison Honadel, Sophie Pacheco, Bella Kimery	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: Crestwood							

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An Act Relating To Eliminating Food Waste in Kentucky

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


Section 1: Currently, Kentucky has minimal laws aimed to eliminate food waste. Nationally, the retail grocery store sector generates a sizable amount of food waste, nearly 6 million tons. This waste contributes to significant greenhouse gas emissions during food decomposition in landfills and from its production, as well during production, transportation, and storage. It also is a major loss of valuable resources such as water, energy, land, and labor.

Section 2: This bill proposes a 3% state tax credit for grocery stores that donate unsold food that could be past its “best by” date, if it’s still safe for consumption. To qualify for a state tax credit, a store in Kentucky must donate at least 35% of its average unsold food each quarter. This initiative not only reduces food waste, but also ensures that more food reaches the organizations that need it.


Section 3: As of May 2024 an estimated 710,000 Kentuckians, including over 208,000 children, were experiencing food insecurity. While food pantries and homeless shelters help with this need, most operate with limited resources as nonprofit organizations. With recent reductions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP), Kentucky faces a potential \$239 million budget hole in food assistance funding. This bill would help reduce food waste while expanding access to nutritious resources for organizations in need.

Section 4: In order to qualify for the tax credit, grocery stores must donate at least 35% of their average unsold food for the current quarter to state-recognized organizations. These may include local food banks, pantries, shelters, community groups, or other nonprofit organizations. Donations must be made to organizations capable of distributing the food. This state tax credit will directly reduce the amount of taxes owed by the businesses that donate by 3%.

Section 5: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG18						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Violet Dunn, Lincoln Knockwafel, Andrew Head, Edie Quarles	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: St. Francis of Assisi ES - Louisville							
City: Louisville							

1 An Act Relating To Minor Compensation for Monetized Online Content
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 339 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: If a minor appears in
5 online monetized content, 50% of the minor's proportionate share of the gross earnings must be placed into
6 a trust account created by a parent or a guardian.
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8 Section 2. The parent or guardian must maintain detailed financial records, including:
9 (a) Legal documentation with the name and age of the minor involved in content creation,
10 (b) The number of minutes that minor is featured in content creation, and
11 (c) Total compensation generated by online content featuring minors
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13 Section 3. When the minor reaches age 18, they can request removal of any public monetized content that
14 features their likeness.
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16 Section 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Red BG20						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Nora Hall, Jocelyn Burress, Maddie Ebelhar	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: St. Joseph-Bardstown							
City: Shepherdsville							

An Act Relating To Pet Owners and Their Pet's Waste
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: To require all pet owners to clean up their pets' waste. This law is needed in the Commonwealth of Kentucky because, according to foundanimals.org, "Diseases like parvo are easily transmissible via feces. Parks, outdoor restaurants, and many public areas are increasingly becoming inaccessible to our canine friends, and it is mostly due to the carelessness of the few people who do not concern themselves with pooper scooper laws. Owners should take their dog to the curb and teach them to go to the bathroom in a more proper place. If you would like to keep your dog as well as other owners' dogs disease-free, scoop the poop!"


Section 2: Picking up the droppings of your pet means that after your pet goes outside to do his/her business, you have to go outside and pick up the feces of your animal. The Commonwealth of Kentucky needs this law because, according to maryland.gov "Studies have found that roughly forty (40) percent of Americans don't pick up after their dogs' waste. Dog waste accounts for twenty-four (24) percent of the bacteria that pollute our urban and suburban waterways." This applies to animals, especially canines, that are leaving feces on property that is not of their owners. Common ways to pick up and dispose of feces are by using bags or pooper scoopers. Feces are waste matter discharged from the bowels after food has been digested. "Pet waste carries bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can threaten the health of humans and wildlife. Since storm drains do not always connect to treatment facilities, untreated animal feces often end up in rivers and streams, causing significant water pollution and, in some cases, restrictions on fishing and swimming in waterways and beaches."

Section 3: This bill will have no additional cost or funding. Owners may choose their own ways of picking up and disposing of their animals' feces.

Section 4: The police will enforce this law. If they see a pet owner not picking up properly, the owner will be fined by the local police.

Section 5: The penalties for breaking this law will be as follows:
The first penalty will be a thirty-five (35) dollar fine to the pet owner. The second penalty will be a fifty (50) dollar fine to the pet owner. The third penalty will be a sixty-five (65) dollar fine to the pet owner. This fine will continue until the owner follows this law.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect ninety (90) days after passage.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Blue BG21
	Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Patrick Chinn, Nova Fryman, Grace Taufua	Action on the Bill
School: St. Patrick School	
City: Maysville	
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An Act Relating To voluntary water fluoridation


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

Section 1. KRS 211.190 is amended to read as follows: Amend (11) to read as follows, “Establishment, maintenance, and monitoring of voluntary water fluoridation programs.”

Section 2. This bill will be enforced by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Section 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>	Blue BG22
	Referred to Committee: House
Sponsors: Ella Stevenson, Charlee Peeler	Action on the Bill
School: Talton K. Stone MS	
City: Elizabethtown	
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An Act Relating To Recognizing Emergency Medical Services as Essential Services

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


SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Emergency medical services (EMS) will be formally recognized by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an

essential service, similar to fire departments and law enforcement.

(2) Each county in Kentucky is required to provide EMS to all citizens.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div></div>		Blue BG23
		Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Zain Ahmed, Taym Alhasan	Action on the Bill	
School: Talton K. Stone MS		
City: Elizabethtown		
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An Act Relating To Rules of Practice Involving Children in Kentucky Courts

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

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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 26A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All local courts

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must state in their rules of practice that children under the age of 18 are not allowed in courtrooms during

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trial proceedings without the explicit permission of the judge. (2) Any courts that do not currently include

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this policy in their rules of practice will have up to 90 days to modify them. (3) Procedures related to this

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rule, including the procedure to obtain a judge’s permission, will be determined by the individual court or


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county.

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Section 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG24						
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Sponsors: AnaLeigh Laster, Nolan Key, Calvin Monroe	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: Todd Co. MS							
City: Elkton							

1 An Act Relating To Student Well-being and Suicide Prevention
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


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4 Section 1: There is a documented and escalating crisis in youth mental health across the nation. Studies,
5 including those analyzing historical data and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic school closures and
6 reopenings, suggest a link between in-person schooling and elevated rates of youth suicide and
7 stress; research has shown that suicides among adolescents ages 12–18 are historically highest during the
8 months of the academic year.

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10 Section 2: Recognizing mental health as a valid reason for absence—similar to physical illness—helps to
11 reduce the pervasive stigma associated with mental health challenges. Providing students with time to rest,
12 recharge, and engage in self-care prevents minor stress from escalating into severe mental health crises,
13 such as burnout or chronic absenteeism, which are often precursors to more serious issues.


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15 Section 3: This bill will provide students with necessary, excused time off from academic and social pressures
16 to manage their mental well-being and prevent mental health crises, as well as create a mandatory system
17 that connects students who frequently use mental health days to appropriate school-based or community-
18 based mental health resources for proactive support and suicide prevention. Excused Absences for Mental
19 Health. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary
20 school shall be granted up to five (5) excused absences in any school year for the purpose of attending to
21 the student's mental or behavioral health needs.

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23 Section 4: If a student utilizes three (3) or more mental health days in a single semester or a consecutive
24 number of days as determined by the local educational agency (LEA), the school administration shall check in
25 and utilize resources as needed.

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27 Section 5: Within one year of the effective date of this Act, every Local Educational Agency (LEA) must
28 submit a plan to the Department of Education detailing how it will enhance access to on-site mental health
29 services, to ensure that the mental health day policy is not a "band-aid" but a pathway to comprehensive
30 care

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</div>	Blue BG25						
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Sponsors: Harper Bolinger, Ava Crawford, Jeremy Long, Emma Spann	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: Hopkinsville							

1 An Act Relating To Requiring Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) To Receive Basic Sign Language Training
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF 202 KAR 7:201 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Individuals desiring
5 initial certification as an Emergency Medical Responder shall: (2) Obtain a certification of American Sign
6 Language (ASL) basic training.
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8 Section 2: Renewal of Certification every three years required for active Emergency Medical Technician
9 (EMT).
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11 Section 3: Any laws that conflict with this bill will be repealed.
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13 Section 4: This law will take effect on January 1, 2026.

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Sponsors: Cameron Merriman, Brody Price, Lincoln Harris		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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An act to require every Kentucky school to offer all students at least one extracurricular or enrichment activity during the school day, at least once a month.

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

Section 1: Students face obstacles to participating in extracurricular activities for a variety of reasons, including time constraints and limited access outside of the instructional school day. This bill requires that every Kentucky middle school provide all students the opportunity to participate in at least one extracurricular activity or enrichment activity during the instructional day, at least once per month. Schools may offer a range of activities, including but not limited to clubs, arts, STEM programs, sports education, cultural activities, or other enrichment programs that enhance student learning and engagement.

Section 2: Amend KRS 160.345 Section i.8 to read:
Selection of extracurricular programs and determination of policies relating to student participation based on academic qualifications and attendance requirements, program evaluation, and supervision. Additionally, every Kentucky middle school shall ensure that all students have the opportunity to participate in at least one extracurricular or enrichment activity during the instructional day, at least once per month.

Section 3: This bill would not require any additional funding. Extracurricular and enrichment activities are already supported at the school and district level or through fundraising.


Section 4: The bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education through each local school board of education.

Section 5: This bill will be implemented during the 2026–2027 school year.




COMMONWEALTH BILLS


**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW1						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Kinzey Schall, Peyton Shepherd, Serenity Fugate, Khloe Skeans	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: Allen ES							
City: Allen							

1 An Act Relating To science education and water quality testing in public schools.
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 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 The Kentucky Department of Education shall provide water quality testing kits to all 8th grade science
6 classes in public schools across the Commonwealth. The kits shall be used to conduct classroom instruction
7 and hands-on testing of local water sources for educational purposes.
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9 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
10 The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop and implement a new statewide science standard
11 requiring water quality education and testing to be taught in all 8th grade classrooms in the Commonwealth.
12 This standard shall include: (a) Instruction on environmental science concepts relating to water quality; (b)
13 Proper use of water quality testing kits; (c) Analysis and discussion of results to connect classroom learning
14 to community and environmental health.
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16 SECTION 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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18 SECTION 4. Funding for the purchase and distribution of water quality testing kits shall be provided through
19 appropriations and grants administered by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Department
20 for Environmental Protection, and the Division of Water. The total program appropriation shall be
21 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026–2027 and annually thereafter, allocated as follows: (a) 40 percent
22 (\$800,000) from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet budget; (b) 35 percent (\$700,000) from the
23 Department for Environmental Protection budget; (c) 25 percent (\$500,000) from the Division of Water
24 budget. Such funding shall not reduce or reallocate existing appropriations for the Kentucky Department of
25 Education.
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27 SECTION 5. Beginning July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Kentucky Department of Education shall
28 submit a report to the Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Department for Environmental Protection, the
29 Division of Water, and the General Assembly. The report shall include: (a) The number of schools and
30 classrooms utilizing the water quality testing kits; (b) A summary of student learning outcomes and
31 classroom implementation; (c) Any recommendations for improving or expanding the program.
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33 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

 <div> KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill </div>	Blue CW2	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Grace Adams, Peyton Allen, Evaly Fernandez, Evie Wetton	Action on the Bill	
School: Auburn ES	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating To Equitable Food Options in Kentucky School Cafeterias
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 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Requires School
5 Lunch Programs to offer vegetarian, vegan, Kosher, pollitarian, and pescatarian options for students at no
6 extra cost.
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8 Section 2: Schools will be required to provide alternate accommodations for students fasting during
9 religious holidays such as, but not limited to, Good Friday and Ramadan.
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11 Section 3: Schools will be required to send home a survey asking what religious meal accommodations
12 students need within the first two (2) weeks of school, and serve students the appropriate meal based on
13 these results alone.
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15 Section 4: This bill will go into effect ninety (90) days after passage.
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17 Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed within (730) days after passage.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW3						
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Sponsors: McCoy Adwell, Isaac Jarvis, Gage Howard, Bryson Berry	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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An Act Relating To The Proximity of School Near Inmate Facilities

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS.(1)Requiring the proximity of all new schools built more than 5 miles away from inmate facilities. (2) Current school buildings located within 5 miles of inmate facilities have increased security measures established.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Education will enforce the proximity of schools to be built at least 5 miles away from an inmate facility. In addition, The Kentucky Department of Corrections will enforce the proximity limitations of inmate facilities to be built at least 5 miles away from schools.

Section 3: Established schools that have already been built and are located within 5 miles of an inmate facility will have higher security measures implemented such as metal detectors and an increased number of resource officers on the school premises.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced on November 6, 2026.

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	Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Aria Reynolds, Yoga Poudel, Mimi Mpoyi, Andrew Conn	Action on the Bill <div><div>House</div><div>Senate</div><div><div><div>___</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div></div><div><div>___</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div><div><div>___</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div></div><div><div>___</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div></div></div>
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An Act Relating To Ensuring Safe Drinking Water in Kentucky Public Schools

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

Section 1: Clean, safe drinking water is important to the health and development of Kentucky’s students. Many school buildings across the Commonwealth are aging, and the pipes and fixtures in those facilities may contain lead or copper that can contaminate the water supply. To protect the health of students and staff, all public schools shall install and maintain certified water filtration systems on drinking fountains and bottle-filling stations.

Section 2: A new section of KRS Chapter 162 is created to read as follows: Each local board of education shall ensure that every public school building installs certified water filtration systems designed to remove lead, copper, and other contaminants. Systems must meet standards established by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.


Section 3: All newly constructed or renovated schools after the effective date of this bill must include filtered drinking fountains and bottle-filling stations as part of the approved building plan. Existing schools shall complete installation no later than July 1, 2028.

Section 4: The cost of installation and maintenance shall be supported through a combination of (a) State and federal funds, including the EPA Lead Reduction Grant Program, the Kentucky Cleaner Water Program, and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund;(b) Local school district facility funds;and (c) Partnerships with local water associations, community organizations, or vendors that provide approved filtration systems.

Section 5: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and the Energy and Environment Cabinet will work together to develop guidelines for filter maintenance, testing schedules, and water quality standards. Water testing shall be conducted at least once every six (6) months to ensure compliance.

Section 6: Schools that fail to maintain proper filtration or testing will be required to take corrective action and will face withholding of facility improvement funds until compliance is verified.

Section 7: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div>	Blue CW5						
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Sponsors: August Johannides, Oliver Clear, Hadley Passage, Julia Toncray	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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An Act Relating To Reduce Plastic Waste in Kentucky
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Plastic pollution continues to harm Kentucky’s environment, wildlife, and waterways. Many single-use plastic bags end up as litter or in landfills each year, and later in streams and major waterways. This poses a major environmental health risk to both animals and people. A small fee on single-use plastic bags will encourage shoppers to bring reusable bags and help reduce plastic waste across the state. So far, 12 states and territories within the US have implemented laws either banning or charging for single use plastic bags and have reported a 25-47% reduction in plastic bag waste found along shorelines, waterways, and major highways.


Section 2: A new section of KRS Chapter 224 is created to read: All retail businesses in Kentucky that provide single-use plastic bags at checkout shall charge a fee of five cents (\$0.05) per bag. This includes grocery stores, department stores, and any other “retailer” that provides single-use plastic bags to customers.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Revenue will oversee, administer, and collect the plastic bag fee in accordance with regulations set by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. Money collected from the plastic bag fee shall be divided as follows: Fifty percent (50%) will remain with the business to cover the cost of purchasing and managing plastic bags. Fifty percent (50%) will be sent to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to support recycling, litter prevention, and land management programs in the state.


Section 4: This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Blue CW7						
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City: Franklin							

1 An Act Relating To Enforce Vape Detectors in all Middle and High School Bathrooms and Locker rooms
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This bill will implement all Middle and High Schools in Kentucky to install vape detectors in
5 bathrooms and locker rooms. This bill requires that the locker rooms and bathrooms must be on the middle
6 school and high school campus.
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8 Section 2: The vape detectors will send an automatic email and/or text notification. This will give
9 administrators the chance to identify the person who was vaping. The presence of these detectors will
10 discourage students and staff from attempting to vape in these areas.
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12 Section 3: This is important to Kentucky because many people are vaping and trying to avoid detection by
13 using bathrooms and locker rooms. The people who are vaping are affecting the learning environment for
14 everyone in the school. Vaping at a young age can lead to respiratory problems and reduce physical activity
15 making it harder for students to participate in sports and stay healthy.
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17 Section 4: Due to the increase in funding from the 2024 Kentucky budget, school districts would be
18 responsible for paying for the project. This will not cost the state of Kentucky any additional money because
19 the funding has already been allocated by the state. Each detector would cost about \$300 dollars
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21 Section 5: penalties for schools that don't comply with this law:
22 First offense: Warning
23 Second offense: 1,000 fine
24 Third offense: \$5,000 fine, with continued fines until your school has them installed
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26 Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Education will be responsible for enforcing this bill
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28 Section 7: Any laws that conflict with this bill will be repealed
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30 Section 8: The law will take in effect on July 1st, 2026

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div>	Blue CW8						
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Sponsors: Sadie Konow, Addelyn Delk, Sawyer Kivett, Callie Spears	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>
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School: Franklin-Simpson MS							
City: Franklin							

- 1 An Act Relating To having a financial and career preparation class at least one trimester/quarter in all public
- 2 middle schools in Kentucky.
- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 5 Section 1: This law will require every middle school student in the state of Kentucky to be enrolled in a
- 6 financial and career preparation class at least one trimester/quarter.
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- 8 Section 2: These classes' curriculum must include writing checks, paying bills online, balancing checkbook,
- 9 taxes, saving/budgeting money, mock job interviews, writing a resume, public speaking, investing, and
- 10 credit/credit scores. You are not required to teach all subjects but you will be required to teach at least 6 of
- 11 these topics each quarter/trimester.
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- 13 Section 3: The goal of this bill is for all students by the time they graduate high school to be prepared for
- 14 the real world in financial and career preparation to be successful in life and jobs. These classes would help
- 15 them to learn things that would make them successful in their adulthood.
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- 17 Section 4: There will be no cost to this bill. The teachers who teach this will not have to have a certain
- 18 requirement. The teachers should already be hired.
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- 20 Section 5: The penalties for the schools if the classes are not implemented.
- 21 First Offense: Warning to the school district
- 22 Second Offense: \$1,000 fine for each month if the classes are not implemented in the school.
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- 24 Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education
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- 26 Section 7:Any laws that conflict with this bill will be repealed.
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- 28 Section 8:This law will take effect on July 1, 2026.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW9
	Referred to Committee: House
Sponsors: Cameron Layne, Vivianne Miller, Bella Sturgill, Som Udeagwu	Action on the Bill <div><div>HouseSenate</div><div><div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Passed</div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Passed</div></div><div><div><div></div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></div></div>
School: Holy Family ES - Ashland	
City: Ashland	

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An Act Relating To The Education and Protection of Minors on Social media

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

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SECTION 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: In order to

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graduate, students must have passed an internet safety course. Students will take this class in 6th, 9th, and

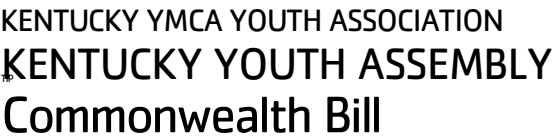
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Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.



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Referred to Committee:
Senate

Sponsors: Briella Brown, Lily Johnson, Mati Wheeler

School: James D. Adams MS

City: Prestonsburg

Action on the Bill

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Senate

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An Act Relating To Cyber Bullying

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

Section 1: This bill will require that all students in the state of Kentucky grades 5th-12th participate in a mandatory, once yearly cyberbullying educational prevention program.


Section 2: This training will educate students on cyberbullying, help students to identify cyberbullying when it happens, explain the detrimental effects of cyberbullying (for both the victim and perpetrator), provide students with resources on how and where to report cyberbullying, discuss school disciplinary actions, and inform students of the legal consequences related to cyberbullying. It will also teach students to safely and responsibly use technology.

Section 3: This bill will require school districts to provide age-appropriate instructions on cyberbullying prevention. School administrators, teachers and staff members may use free online resources from the following websites to develop their programs: Cyberbullying.org, Pacer.org, unicef.org, and StopBullying.gov.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Center for School Safety.

Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the Fiscal Year 2026 budget which includes over \$169 million for mental health and school safety grants.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW11						
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Sponsors: Lydia Carl, Ali Carl, Leah Warren, Audrie Roberts	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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An Act Relating to Providing Universal Preschool for All in Kentucky

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

Section 1: When a child is provided education in their early years, they are set up for lifelong success. Preschool supports essential cognitive, social, and emotional development. This bill calls for access to preschool education for all children who are three, four, and five years old (five-year-olds who do not qualify for kindergarten), reducing educational disparities and promoting equal opportunities for early learning.

Section 2: Amend KRS statute 157.3175 Preschool education programs – Section 1, to include: Each local school district shall ensure that a developmentally appropriate half-day preschool education program is provided for each child who is three, four, or five years of age (five-year-olds who do not qualify for kindergarten) by August 1st of the current year of school.

Section 3: This bill will be funded using funds appropriated by the General Assembly for the preschool education programs and will be distributed to local school districts according to a grant allotment system approved by the Kentucky Board of Education. Funding for students who are not identified as at risk according to KRS 157.3175 may be supplemented by federal grants, private donations, and local government contributions as necessary.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education in collaboration with local school districts and early education providers.

Section 5: This bill will be implemented during the 2026–2027 school year.



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

Section 2: Amend KRS 156.160 Section 1.A. to include this additional subsection: Every public middle and high school's health and physical education curriculum shall include age-appropriate instruction in drug education. Instruction shall be evidence-based and include, at a minimum:

Information on available resources for support, treatment, and recovery.

Section 5: This will be implemented during the 2026 - 2027 school year.

 <div> KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill </div>	Red CW14							
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Sponsors: Caden Clark, Adalyn Tucker, Johanna Ross, Jax Coleman	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <th data-bbox="1073 430 1323 483">House</th> <th data-bbox="1323 430 1549 483">Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1073 483 1323 525">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td data-bbox="1323 483 1549 525">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1073 525 1323 588">____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td data-bbox="1323 525 1549 588">____ <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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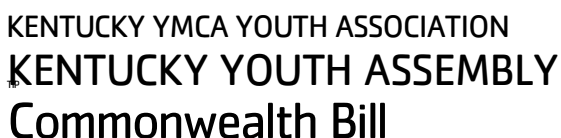
An Act Relating To Second Chance Workforce Opportunities For Incarcerated Kentucky Citizens

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 169 READS AS FOLLOWS: Creation of the Second Chance Workforce Pathway for incarcerated Kentucky citizens.

Section 2: Workforce Pathway will create vocational training and educational opportunities.

Section 3: Funding will be provided by the Second Chance Act Grant Program via the Council of State Governments.



Referred to Committee:
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Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky


Section 2: Under this amendment, all Kentucky students in grades K–12 enrolled in public schools would be granted up to five (5) excused mental health days per school year. These days would be counted as excused absences and would not require a doctor’s note unless more than five are taken.

Section 3: Students who use a mental health day will be responsible for completing all missed classwork or assessments in accordance with existing school policy. Schools may also refer students who take multiple mental health days to counseling services if available, in order to provide appropriate support rather than punishment.

Section 4: This bill would not require additional funding. Schools already maintain systems for tracking excused absences, and this amendment simply adds a new category of excused absence. Schools may choose to partner with local mental health agencies for optional awareness programs, which could be funded through existing wellness or student services budgets.

Section 5: The purpose of this legislation is to promote student well-being, reduce stigma surrounding mental health, and acknowledge the growing rates of anxiety and depression among Kentucky's youth. According to the Kentucky Department of Education, over 40% of students have reported experiencing mental health challenges that affect their attendance or academic performance. This bill seeks to address that concern through proactive, compassionate policy.

Section 6: This act shall take effect July 1, 2026, for the 2026–2027 school year.

 <div> KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill </div>	Red CW16							
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City: Crestwood								

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An Act Relating To Financial Literacy Classes in Kentucky Public Middle Schools

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

Section 1: This bill will require all public middle schools in the state of Kentucky to offer a financial literacy class.

Section 2: The purpose of this Act is to reduce Kentucky’s poverty rate, improve Kentucky’s economy, and prepare students for high school and adulthood by requiring financial literacy education in all middle schools.


Section 3: All public middle schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be required to integrate a semester-long financial literacy class into their curriculum beginning in the 2027–2028 school year. The financial literacy class shall include, but not be limited to, instruction in the following areas: Basics of banking and interest, budgeting and savings, cost of living and financial planning, payroll taxes and paychecks, responsible spending and consumer awareness, understanding credit and debit. Schools may integrate this class as a required elective for students in grade 6–8th.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop or approve a standardized financial literacy curriculum that aligns with Kentucky Academic Standards. The curriculum may be delivered as a standalone elective or integrated into existing courses such as business or mathematics. Schools may partner with community organizations, financial institutions, or local businesses to enhance instruction.

Section 5: Teacher training and instructional materials may be funded through existing professional development funds through grants made available by the Kentucky Department of education, should schools need additional training or certifications to implement a financial literacy course. Free online financial literacy courses may be used. Such programs like the FDIC Money Smart for Young people, Hands on Banking through Wells Fargo, and EVERFI, to name a few, may be utilized as a resource.

Section 6: Each public middle school shall submit annual verification to the Kentucky department of Education confirming the financial literacy elective as available to students. If a school fails to integrate the required class into its curriculum, a first year offense is a warning and requirement of a written plan to come into compliance. Second year offense reword to 1% reduction in discretionary funding. Each subsequent year offense will be an additional 0.5% penalty until the school is compliant. Once compliance is verified, funding will return to its normal amount the following school year.

Section 7: This bill would go into effect at the beginning of the 2027–2028 school year.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div>	Blue CW17						
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An Act Relating To Food Donation Tax Credit
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To reduce excessive food waste, a food donation tax credit will be available to individuals (KRS 141.020) or corporations (KRS 141.040) who donate food to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Kentucky. The tax credit will be 20% of the fair market value of eligible food.

Section 2: KRS 141.0205(3), where a taxpayer is entitled to more than one of the tax credits, is amended to read as follows: (g) The food donation tax credit permitted by the new KRS 141 section addressed in Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3: KRS 141.900 Definitions is amended to insert: (30) “Qualifying taxpayer donor” is a certified payer of taxes who donates eligible food personally or from their business entity including restaurant owners, farmers, caterers, food preparation services to a 501(c)(3) organization. (31) “Eligible food” is fresh, prepared or cooked food that meets all quality and labeling standards imposed by federal, state, and local laws and regulations even though the food may not be readily marketable due to appearance, age, freshness, grade, size, surplus, or other conditions.

Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Blue CW18						
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Sponsors: John Kipp, Roger Quarles, Miles Williams, Gabe Galla	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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An Act Relating To Highway Safety and Tow Trucks

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

Section 1: AN AMENDED SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189.920 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: In addition to the lights required of tow trucks in KRS 189.920(a), a tow truck will also have the option to use oscillating, rotating or flashing blue lights when stationary while responding to an emergency. If used, the blue lights must be visible from half a mile – rear of the vehicle, in clear conditions, and with no obstructions.

Section 2: Penalties

First Offense – offenders subject to a fine of \$250

Second Offense – offenders subject to a fine of \$500.

Third Offense – the offender’s license can be revoked for 30 days.

All subsequent offenses will add 30 additional days of revoked license plus a fine of \$250 and one or more hours of community service.

Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.



Referred to Committee:
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Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 2: An ID is a personal identification card (ex., driver's license, passports, green cards, and military IDs). According to IDScan.net, "Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, and Utah all have digital ID apps for the use of their citizens." There are only a few requirements for this law. These requirements are that the citizen must have a clear photo of their ID, and that the citizen still must own their ID of personnel. This law will be very efficient for the citizens of Kentucky. Citizens can show this ID to police and or store owners if identification is needed. This would be an option; formal IDs will still be allowed.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect ninety (90) days after passage.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW20						
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Sponsors: Olivia Cox, Annie Ryan, Sydney Chesser	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>
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School: St. Joseph-Bardstown							
City: Shepherdsville							

An Act Relating To Expectant Mothers

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

Section 1: To allow all pregnant women to apply for a handicap placard. Kentucky needs this law because, according to the National Health Service, "It's estimated that PGP [pelvic girdle pain] affects up to one in five pregnant women." Pelvic pain can start as early as the first trimester; however, it's more commonly between the fourteenth (14th) week and the thirtieth (30th) week. Pelvic pain can make it difficult to move, and especially to walk.


Section 2: Handicapped parking is a designated parking space which has been marked out in a parking space for disabled people only. Parking spaces usually have signs with a blue background with a white outline of a person in a wheelchair. Pregnant women are often troubled with pelvic pain while walking and morning sickness. According to Cleveland Clinic.org, "Morning sickness is nausea and vomiting during pregnancy. It's a common condition affecting up to 70% of women in the first trimester of pregnancy." Handicap parking for pregnant women will save them from walking several blocks to and from an event when parking is scarce. Women wishing to apply for a handicap placard will get a form similar to a prescription with their doctor's signature on it. The placard will be valid from the time the mother receives it to two (2) weeks past their due date. Expectant mothers can go to their local county clerk's office to receive their placard.

Section 3: Drive KY says the first handicapped placard will have no additional cost, but a replacement or the second placard will cost \$10. The expectant mother applying for the placard will pay \$10 if an additional one is needed.

Section 4: The Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing (DMVL) will enforce this law.

Section 5: There will be no penalties for breaking this law because it allows pregnant women to get a handicap placard.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect sixty (60) days after passage.

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Sponsors: Amelia Hite, Evelyn Ehringer, Catie Hite	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: Shepherdsville							

An Act Relating To Window Breakers In Cars

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

Section 1: To require all Driver Licensing Regional Offices in Kentucky to distribute window breakers when a citizen gets or renews their license. The Commonwealth of Kentucky needs this law because, according to murrayguari.com, a legal website, vehicle submersion accidents are horrifying, with most victims surviving the initial crash with little to no injuries, only to be trapped and drown in an often overturned car. A window breaker will help solve this problem and save lives.


Section 2: A window breaker, also known as a glass breaker, is a tool designed to shatter glass or cut a seatbelt, especially in emergencies like car accidents, drowning, building fires, or if power windows fail to operate. A window breaker is also a reusable tool, it is designed to be used over 10,000 times. There are many places where you can store your window breaker, such as, the central console, side pocket door, keychain, rearview mirror, sun visor, or headrest. According to adventuresofagoodman.com, submersion incidents, vehicular fires, collisions and rollovers, accidental lock-ins, or severe weather conditions would be a time to use a window breaker. Any citizen who wishes to purchase their own window breaker is still permitted to.

Section 3: The cost will be added to the initial driver's license fee. Window breakers cost approximately ten dollars (\$10).

Section 4: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) would implement this law because the NHTSA is an agency that works to reduce deaths, injuries, and economic losses from motor vehicle crashes. Police would enforce this.

Section 5: Agencies that fail to abide by this law will be given a warning and then fined 500 dollars (\$500) monthly until they follow the law. Any citizens who do not have their window breaker will be given a warning, and then will be given a fifty-dollar (\$50) fine by the police.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect in ninety (90) days after passage.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Blue CW23						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Evelyn Holt, Evelyn Shirts, Anna Spears	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div>Passed</div></td><td><div><div></div>Passed</div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div>Defeated</div></td><td><div><div></div>Defeated</div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div>Passed</div>	<div><div></div>Passed</div>	<div><div></div>Defeated</div>	<div><div></div>Defeated</div>
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School: Talton K. Stone MS							
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An Act Relating To Distribution of KEES Funds

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

KRS 164.7879 Section 2a is amended to read as follows:


Amend KRS 164.7879 to change the disbursement of Kentucky educational excellence scholarship, or KEES, based on the numeric value of the students grades to ensure all Kentucky students get equal access to the funding despite district-approved grading scale.

The award shall be based upon the eligible high school student's grade point average at the close of each academic year, using a standard 10-point grading scale. High schools which do not use a 10-point grading scale must convert the grade point average accordingly before reporting the eligible high school student's scores.

An award attributable to a past academic year shall not be increased after the award has been earned by an eligible high school student, regardless of any subsequent increases made to the base amount of the KEES funding through the formal act of making a law

Signed bill will be EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

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<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>		Blue CW24
		Referred to Committee: House
Sponsors: Korey Johnson, Gabe Daniels, Lillian Power, Coco Hammarsten	Action on the Bill	
School: Todd Co. MS		
City: Elkton		
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An Act Relating To School Safety

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


Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, it is not mandated to have metal or contraband detectors in schools. With the increasing instances of school shootings and underage smoking, these safety measures should be in place.

Section 2: Multiple sources show that school shootings have sharply increased in the past 5 years;2021-2024 saw the highest annual numbers of this type of violence in decades. Studies also show that there has been an increase in underage smoking in the US, largely driven by vape use.

Section 3: This bill states that all students in Kentucky schools must undergo a mandatory metal and contraband detector check before each school day for the purpose of ensuring their health and safety.

<div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Blue CW25						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Rhyder Dowse, Emma Flynn, Claire Howton, Lilly Kem	Action on the Bill <table><tr><td>House</td><td>Senate</td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div></td></tr><tr><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td><td><div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div></td></tr></table>	House	Senate	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Passed</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Defeated</div></div>
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School: University Heights Academy MS							
City: Hopkinsville							

1 An Act Relating To School Personnel Being Trained In The Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: KRS 158:163 Section 3e. shall be amended to read as follows: 3. Ensure that all full-time
5 employees and all interscholastic coaches be trained on the use of a portable automated external
6 defibrillator device (AED) in accordance with KRS 311.667.
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8 Section 2: Employees and coaches employed by a single school system for consecutive years must attend
9 one training every three years.
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11 Section 3: Any laws that conflict with this bill will be repealed.
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13 Section 4: This law will take effect on July 1, 2026.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div>	Red CW26
	Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Nathaniel Rood, Evelyn McLendon, Lailani Walker, Lucas Degenhardt	Action on the Bill
School: Villa Madonna Academy ES	
City: Villa Hills	
	<div><div>House</div><div><div><div>_____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div></div><div><div>_____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div></div><div><div>Senate</div><div><div><div>_____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div></div><div><div>_____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div></div></div></div>

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An Act Relating To Raising Minimum Wage in Kentucky

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

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Section 1: IT IS PROPOSED THAT KRS 337.275 WILL BE REVISED TO STATE THAT (1) all employers are to

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not pay less than fifteen dollars (\$15) an hour.

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Section 2: The Attorney General will enforce this bill.


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Section 3: this bill will be enacted 30 days upon passing.

<div><div></div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div></div>	Red CW27						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Marina Eklund, Maci James, Hadlei Maggard, Grant Richards	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: West Carter MS							
City: Olive Hill							

1 An Act Relating To the universal recognition of occupational licensures.
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 335 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: An individual holding a license
5 issued by another state in an occupation, who is in good standing, shall have their out-of-state license recognized for
6 purposes of engaging in that occupation in Kentucky if:
7 a. The educational, training, examination, and experience requirements of the out-of-state license are
8 substantially equivalent to those required in Kentucky; or
9 b. The applicant completes any supplemental requirements that are reasonably necessary to meet lawful
10 Kentucky standards.
11 If there are differences between the out-of-state license requirements and Kentucky’s requirements, the licensing board
12 shall clearly identify any deficiencies and permit the applicant an opportunity for demonstration of equivalent
13 experience, continuing education, or other acceptable means.
14 A licensing board may refuse recognition if:
15 a. The out-of-state license has been suspended, revoked, or is not in good standing;
16 b. The applicant lacks qualifications which are directly related to ensuring public health, safety, or welfare; or
17 c. Recognition would violate Kentucky law.
18 During a declared emergency by the Governor, out-of-state licensed professionals may be temporarily authorized to
19 practice in Kentucky pursuant to criteria established by administrative rule, to help meet workforce needs.
20 Licensing boards shall adopt rules under Kentucky’s Administrative Procedures Act to implement universal recognition,
21 including:
22 a. Standards for determining substantial equivalency;
23 b. Processes for assessing and remedying deficiencies; and
24 c. Timelines for action on recognition applications.
25 A fee for processing recognition may be charged, but must not exceed the standard licensing fee already in place, and
26 must reflect only the cost of processing recognition.
27 A decision on an application for recognition must be made within ninety (90) days of a complete application being
28 submitted;if not, the recognition shall be deemed granted, unless the licensing board provides written notice of reasons
29 for further review.
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31 SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027, giving licensing boards sufficient time to adopt necessary
32 rules and procedures.
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34 SECTION 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

<div></div> <div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</div>	Red CW28						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Piper Troutman, Zan Hutchins	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: LaRue Co. MS							
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An act relating to requiring a Career Exploration Course for All Kentucky Middle School Students

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

Section 1: Many students enter high school without an understanding of potential career pathways or the education required to achieve their goals. This bill requires that all Kentucky middle school students in grades 6-8 participate in a Career Exploration course designed to expose them to a wide variety of career fields and postsecondary options like college, trade school, apprenticeships, and the military.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 158.1412 Workplace Exploration & Readiness Course in Public Schools Containing Grades 6-8.

Successful completion of a course or program on Workplace Exploration & Readiness Standards required for middle promotion -- Establishment of academic standards, curriculum, and guidelines for Workplace Exploration & Readiness.

Beginning with the entering sixth grade class of the 2026 - 2027 school year and each year thereafter, successful completion of one (1) or more courses or programs that meet the new Essential Workplace Ethics Standards (KRS 158.1413) shall be a Kentucky public middle school promotion requirement.

In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promote administrative regulations establishing new academic standards and a graduation requirement for the new Essential Workplace Ethics Standards (KRS 158.1413).

The local school-based decision making council, or principal if no council exists, of each middle and high school shall determine curricula for course offerings, programs, or a combination of course offerings and programs that are aligned with the new Essential Workplace Ethics Standards (KRS 158.1413) promoted by the Kentucky Board of Education.

Section 3: This bill will be funded by the Kentucky Department of Education and local school boards.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Board of Education through each local school board.

Section 5: This will be implemented during the 2026 - 2027 school year.