





# **BLUEGRASS BILLS**

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

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School: Assumption HS							
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1                               An Act Relating To to Legalizing the Use of Pepper Spray for Minors.  
2                               **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4       Sections 1: This bill changes the legal age of possession of pepper spray from 18 to 13 years old. No other  
5       rules change regarding the use of pepper spray besides the age.  
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7       Section 2: Identification must be shown to purchase pepper spray if the minor is under the age of 18.  
8       Drivers' licenses may be used however if they do not have a driver's license yet, the minor must have some  
9       sort of identification to make sure they are above the age of 13.  
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11       Sections 3: Repercussions for misuse of pepper spray are as follows- (Misuse counts as using pepper spray  
12       for any reason other than self-defense)  
13       1st time misuse- No charges, this is the only strike they get before repercussions.  
14       2nd time misuse- Pepper spray will be permanently taken, and they must wait until they are eighteen. This is  
15       to ensure the safety of others.  
16       3rd - misuse- By this time, it will no longer be legal for the minor to be using pepper spray so if they are  
17       caught with it there will be a fine. The first time it will be a 500\$ and the second time 1000\$.  
18       4th- Misuse- This is a class D felony, and minors are eligible to 1-4 year in prison or a fine.  
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20       Sections 4: If misused minors may be charged with assault and can face Juvenile Detention.  
21       This is repealing KRS 527.100. It is changing the legal age of pepper spray use to 13 years old

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An Act Relating To decreasing food insecurity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

SECTION 1. A New Section of KRS Chapter 247 Chapter 247 is Created To Read As Follows:

(1) The goal of this Act is to reduce by fifty percent (50%) the number of Kentuckians living in food deserts by the year 2048.

(2) Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 (July 1, 2027), the Kentucky state government shall create new tax incentives to encourage the sale and availability of fresh food across the state.

(3) These incentives shall support grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and fresh food producers who help increase access to healthy food in areas with limited options.

Section 2. Definitions.

(1) For this Act, a “food desert” shall be defined according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) definition as an area with limited access to affordable and nutritious food, particularly fresh fruits and vegetables, typically measured by both distance to a grocery store and household income level.

(2) A “fresh food producer” shall include farmers, farmers’ markets, grocery stores, or distributors that sell unprocessed or minimally processed food products directly to consumers.

Section 3. Fresh Food Tax Incentives.

(1) Eligible fresh food producers, sellers, and distributors who sell products in designated food desert areas shall receive a ten percent (10%) state tax credit on their annual state tax liability.

(2) Any company that builds and operates a new grocery store, market, or similar retail space in a designated food desert shall receive a ten percent (10%) property tax exemption for the first five (5) years of operation.

(3) To qualify, businesses must apply through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and show proof that at least fifty percent (50%) of the products sold are fresh or healthy food items.

(4) Priority for tax credits shall be given to small or locally owned businesses operating primarily within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 4. Long-Term Goal and Reporting.

(1) The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, shall track and report progress toward reducing the number of Kentuckians living in food deserts by fifty percent (50%) by the year 2048.

(2) A report shall be published every two (2) years and shared with the Governor and the General Assembly, including data on:


(a) New grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and fresh food projects created in food deserts;(b) Statewide changes in food accessibility;and

(c) Overall progress toward the reduction goal.

Section 5. Funding.

Funding for the implementation of this Act shall come from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and existing state agricultural incentive programs. Any additional funds required may be supplemented through federal food access or nutrition grants.

Section 6. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

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An Act Relating To Youth Rehabilitation Centers

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

Section 1:

A new section of KRS 605.100 is created to read as follows:

(1) To address rising illicit substance use and the maltreatment of minors in Kentucky's juvenile detention centers, this Act proposes the construction and operation of three (3) Juvenile Justice Group Homes.

(2) Kentucky ranks 15th in the nation for drug-related crime and 3rd in the nation for youth incarceration rates, with approximately 1.7% of all Kentucky youth currently incarcerated.

(3) Juvenile detention centers often negatively impact youth by disrupting education, separating minors from family, creating unsafe environments, and increasing long-term system involvement.

Section 2:

(1) The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice shall allocate \$18 million for the construction and operation of the three Juvenile Justice Group Homes.

(2) Additional funding may be obtained through grants, donations, and nonprofit partnerships.

Section 3:

(1) All construction and staff training shall be completed by January 1, 2028.

(2) The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice is authorized to allocate the necessary funds to implement this Act.



Referred to Committee:  
**House**

## Action on the Bill

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

Sec 6. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

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1                                   An Act Relating To Membership On Local Boards of Education.

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

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4   Section 1. KRS 160.180 is amended to read as follows:

5       (1) remain unchanged.

6       (2), (2) (a) through (g) remain unchanged.

7       (3)–(6) remain unchanged.

8       (7) In addition to the members described in subsection (2) of this section, each local board of education may

9   include one (1) student representative as a nonvoting member, subject to the following conditions:

10      (a) The student representative shall be enrolled as a full-time student in a public HS within the district.

11      (b) The student shall be selected by procedures established by the local board of education, which may

12   include election by the district’s secondary school students or appointment by a committee of students and

13   educators.

14      (c) The student representative shall serve a one (1)–year term beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the

15   following year.

16      (d) The student representative shall not count toward a quorum of the board and shall not be permitted to

17   participate in closed sessions.

18      (e) The student representative shall be entitled to attend all open meetings, receive board meeting materials,

19   and express opinions and recommendations on matters before the board.

20      (f) A student representative shall be subject to the same standards of conduct and confidentiality as other

21   board members but shall not be considered an officer of the Commonwealth for the purposes of KRS Chapter


22   160.

23      (g) Participation by a student representative under this subsection shall not affect the eligibility or

24   composition requirements for other board members set forth in this section.

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

26   Section 3. This act will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2026.

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Sponsors: Aaliyah Wolfenbarker, Kansas McElroy, Eva Wireman	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <div> <div>House</div> <div>Senate</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Passed  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Passed  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated </div> </div>	
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An Act Relating To Relating to Student Attendance and Excused Absences.  
**Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1. KRS 159.035 is amended to read as follows:  
(Sections (1) through (6) remain unchanged.)  
(7) Each local school district shall include in its student attendance policy provisions for excused absences due to a student’s mental or behavioral health status.  
Each district shall provide for no fewer than three (3) excused absences per school year for mental or behavioral health status, to be used at the discretion of the student’s parent, guardian, or legal custodian.  
A student utilizing such excused absences shall have the opportunity to make up any school work missed and shall not have his or her grades adversely affected due to the excused absence  
Section 2.  
Any statute or part of a statute in conflict with this Act is hereby repealed.  
Section 3.  
This act will go into effect immediately upon its passage.

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Sponsors: Genna Calhoun, Ruthie Chaudoin, Emma Groves	Action on the Bill
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City: Hopkinsville	
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An Act Relating To The Creation of an Animal Abusers Registry

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


A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

An animal abuse registry will hereby be established. Any persons found guilty or convicted of a crime against an animal will be added to this registry. Persons found on the registry will be prohibited from purchasing and/or adopting animals.

The registry will be readily available to the general public and maintained by the Kentucky State Police.

To provide the Kentucky State Police with adequate time to implement the new registry. The bill will be enacted January 1, 2026.



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Sponsors: Eliana Archibong, Lilly Meyer, Liv Ross, Lauren Spraggins	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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An Act Relating To Making Work Block an Elective Credit for HS Students

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


Section 1: Every pubic HS student in the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the opportunity to choose work block as a substitute of their elective courses, and allowing the credit to still apply.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this act and shall provide schools with guidelines and scheduling options for offering a credited work block elective. Schools must ensure that participating students have access to local businesses, organizations, or approved on-campus work experiences that meet educational and professional standards.


Section 3: Funding for the development and coordination of the work block program shall come from the Kentucky Department of Education's existing Career and Technical Education budget. Additional grants or partnerships with local businesses may be utilized to support student placement and supervision.

Section 4: This act shall be codified under KRS Chapter 158, Conduct of Schools.

Section 5:This act shall go into effect beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

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Sponsors: Malak Alsorougi, Nessa Kaplan, Vivian Schnuerle, Calissa Yao	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: Louisville Collegiate HS							
City: Louisville							

1                   An Act Relating To Act Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Feminine Hygiene Products  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4   Section 1. Amendment to KRS 139.010  
5   The definition of "feminine hygiene products" in KRS 139.010 shall be amended to include tampons, panty  
6   liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and any other similar products used in connection with the  
7   menstrual cycle.  
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9   Section 2. Tax Exemption  
10   (1) Feminine hygiene products, as defined in Section 1, shall be exempt from the 6% Kentucky state sales  
11   and use tax.  
12   (2) These products shall be recognized as medical necessities and not luxury goods.  
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14   Section 3. Legislative Findings  
15   (1) According to the Alliance for Period Supplies, one in four women in Kentucky struggles to afford basic  
16   feminine hygiene products.  
17   (2) Kentucky is one of 19 states that still enforces a "Pink Tax," disproportionately affecting women and  
18   girls.  
19   (3) 31 states have already eliminated the Pink Tax, recognizing the financial and gender equity issues it  
20   creates.  
21   (4) Feminine hygiene products are essential to basic health, hygiene, and dignity.  
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23   Section 4. Social and Economic Impact  
24   (1) Removing the Pink Tax will reduce economic barriers for women and girls, especially those living in  
25   poverty.  
26   (2) While removing the tax may result in a slight decrease in tax revenue, the social benefit of improved  
27   health, school attendance, and economic equity outweighs the financial cost.  
28   (3) The bill acknowledges that roads and infrastructure are important, but no one should be taxed for having  
29   a period.  
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31   Section 5. Language and Respect  
32   All government and school documents referencing this law shall use the term "women" or "girls" instead of  
33   "menstruating person," as the former better communicates the urgency and impact of the issue.  
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35   This shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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Sponsors: Lyra Currin, Molly Swansburg, Eloise Weinberg	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: Louisville Collegiate HS							
City: Louisville							

1                                    An Act Relating To Literacy Instruction in Kentucky Public Schools  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4    Section 1. Findings and Purpose

5    (1) Since the passage of Kentucky Senate Bill 9 in 2022, children in Kentucky have experienced a decline in  
6    reading proficiency by the third and fourth grades.

7    (2) Senate Bill 9, known as the Structured Literacy Bill, requires instruction focused on memorization of word  
8    groups and sounds rather than explicit phonics instruction.

9    (3) This method does not adequately teach students how to sound out and decode unfamiliar or complex  
10   words, causing difficulties as reading demands increase.

11   (4) Kentucky has seen a 2% decline in fourth-grade literacy proficiency, alongside increased turnover of  
12   early-grade reading teachers.

13   (5) Mississippi’s Literacy-Based Promotion Act of 2013, which mandates phonics-based instruction and  
14   literacy standards, has resulted in improved fourth-grade reading outcomes. Mississippi has jumped in  
15   national rankings from 50th to 6th in fourth grade reading. This has been coined The Mississippi Miracle.

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17   Section 2. Phonics-Based Literacy Instruction Required

18   (A) The Kentucky Department of Education shall require all public schools to implement phonics-based  
19   reading instruction from kindergarten through at least grade three.

20   (B) Instruction shall emphasize teaching letter sounds, decoding, and the process of sounding out words to  
21   enable independent reading of unfamiliar words.

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23   Section 3. Monitoring and Support

24   (1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall conduct annual assessments to monitor school compliance  
25   with phonics instruction requirements and student literacy progress.

26   (2) The Department shall provide professional development and resources to support educators in delivering  
27   effective phonics instruction.

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29   Section 4. Reporting

30   The Kentucky Department of Education shall submit an annual report to the Kentucky Youth Assembly  
31   detailing student literacy outcomes and instructional compliance, beginning with the 2026 school year.

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33   Section 5. Effective Date

34   This Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.



Referred to Committee:  
**House**

## Action on the Bill

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## Senate

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

A new section of KRS Chapter 205 is created to read as follows:

For the purposes of this Act, "non-nutritious food and beverage items" are defined as products that are high in added sugars, unhealthy fats, and low in essential nutrients. These items have been linked to increased rates of obesity, diabetes, and other preventable chronic health conditions, particularly among low-income populations.

Individuals currently receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card shall be restricted from using those benefits to purchase the following non-nutritious food and beverage items:

Sugar-sweetened beverages (e.g., sodas)

### Sugar-sweetened energy drinks

Candy

### Ultra-processed cookies

Sugar-sweetened ice cream

## Cakes and pies

### Non-whole-grain chips

This restriction shall not affect the total monthly benefit amount a recipient is eligible to receive, unless changes in income or other eligibility factors occur in accordance with existing SNAP guidelines.

## Section 2.

This Act shall be implemented initially as a 2-year pilot program in three counties, which will later be determined by Dr. John R. Langefeld, the Kentucky Commissioner for Public Health.

**During the Pilot:**

SNAP recipients in these counties will receive educational materials and outreach on nutrition and healthy food choices. Feedback will be collected from participants, grocery vendors, and public health officials to assess the impact of the program


### Section 3.

If the pilot program proves successful based on public health data, recipient feedback, and budget feasibility, the General Assembly may vote to expand the program statewide.

Section 4.

Any statute in conflict with this Act shall be amended or repealed

This shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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Sponsors: Ellington Wright, Jack Norris, Paris Pace, Lydia Rairick	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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An Act Relating To Reducing Scholarship Displacement in Kentucky

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

Section 1: This bill will ban scholarship displacement in the state of Kentucky, applying to any public or private educational institution that receives state funding.

Section 2:

“Scholarship Displacement” is defined by the reduction of a student’s merit-based or need-based financial aid by a college or university upon receiving a private scholarship.

“Private scholarship” refers to any scholarship not rewarded directly by a college or university—such as nonprofit organizations and private donors.

Section 3:

No public or private college or university that receives state funds may reduce a student’s financial aid or scholarship solely because the student has received a private scholarship.

Exceptions are made if the total amount of aid received by the student would exceed the total cost/tuition to attend.


Section 4:

This bill will be implemented by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)

The CPE will require reports on financial distributions from all participating institutions annually.

Section 6: Participating institutions found in violation of this act will be penalized and may result in the temporary suspension of state grant eligibility.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect July 1st, 2026

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	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Emily Beckett, Brigit Ellsworth, Trace Elliott III, Dillon Lee	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Lyon Co. HS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
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An Act Relating To Mental Health Services in Public Schools

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

Section 1: Beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, all public schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with an enrollment of more than five hundred (500) students shall be required to employ at least one (1) full-time mental health professional.

Section 2: For the purposes of this section, a mental health professional shall be defined as an individual who is licensed or certified in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide mental health services, including but not limited to: licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs), licensed professional counselors (LPCs), licensed psychologists, or other equivalent mental health practitioners recognized by the Kentucky Board of Licensure.

Section 3: The sole responsibility of the mental health professional shall be to provide mental health services to students. This includes individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, mental health education, and coordination with families and community mental health resources. The mental health professional shall not be assigned duties unrelated to student mental health services.

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Referred to Committee:  
**House**

## Action on the Bill

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## Senate

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

Section 4: Schools shall ensure that staff are trained in the proper use and monitoring of metal detectors, and that procedures are in place to respond appropriately to alerts.

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School: Paul Laurence Dunbar HS							
City: Lexington							

1                   An Act Relating To Increase in Statute of Limitation Towards Personal Injury  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4     Section 1: The current statute of limitations for personal injury in Kentucky is one year for all injuries  
5     excluding motor vehicle accidents which are two years long. Many personal injuries, such as Post Traumatic  
6     Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) show symptoms towards the victim over a year  
7     after the injury occurs. Once the victim begins to witness symptoms of their injury that appear after the  
8     statute of limitation is up, they are unable to file for lawsuits against the person responsible for the injury.  
9     By extending the time period in which Kentuckians are able to file lawsuits against people who cause their  
10    personal injuries, the victims who would otherwise be unable to gain compensation for the actions of others  
11    will be given the justice they deserve.

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13    Section 2: Many TBIs can take upwards of many years to show. In some specific cases, brain damage can  
14    lead to death five years after a seemingly moderate and un concerning injury takes place. Roughly 50% of  
15    people who suffer from a TBI experience further declines in their daily lives years after experiencing the  
16    injury. Examples of symptoms can include brain bleeds, memory loss, personality change, and dementia. All of  
17    which can be formally documented in your medical files.

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19    Section 3: This bill aims to increase the time period in which the statute of limitation is active for personal  
20    injuries from one year to three years. This means that all personal injuries that fall within this three year  
21    window are eligible to be filed for a lawsuit against the perpetrators of the injury. This bill's implementation  
22    will not use state or federal funds to go into effect.

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24    Section 4: This initiative will not amend any of the prerequisites required in order to be eligible for filing a  
25    lawsuit other than the time period you are able to file it.






Referred to Committee:  
**House**


City: Louisville

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Section 6: Any rulings in opposition to this amendment will be declared invalid

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City: Louisville								

1     An Act Relating To mandating Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification authorized by a licensed medical  
2             professional as a graduation requirement for all public HSs in Kentucky.  
3             **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5     An Act relating to mandating Cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification authorized by a licensed medical  
6     professional as a graduation requirement for all public HSs in Kentucky.  
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8     Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
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10    Section 1. KRS 158.302 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3) "The training does not have to be  
11    provided by a certified instructor or result in students being certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation," to  
12    read " The training must be provided by a licensed medical professional and result in students being certified  
13    in cardiopulmonary resuscitation."

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School: Sacred Heart Academy	
City: Louisville	

1                   An Act Relating To proposing an amendment to KRS to increase deer hunting limits  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4   An Act proposing an amendment to KRS to increase deer hunting limits  
5   Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:  
6   Section 1: The increase in the deer population of Kentucky has created safety and environmental concerns  
7   including more vehicle collisions and agricultural losses, demonstrating the need to adjust current hunting  
8   limits.  
9   Section 2: KRS 150.025 is amended to read as follows:  
10   (1) The department may promulgate administrative regulations to establish open seasons for the taking of  
11   wildlife, to regulate bag limits, and methods of take, and to make these requirements applicable statewide or  
12   to a limited area.  
13   (2) The department shall ensure that deer hunting regulations permit the taking of up to two (2) antlered  
14   deer and three (3) antlerless deer during a license year, or up to five (5) antlerless deer if no antlered deer  
15   are taken.  
16   (3) All other subsections remain unchanged.  
17   Section 3: Any statute or regulation contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed to conform with its  
18   provisions.  
19   Section 4: This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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An Act Relating To The Extension of Hours Voting Polls Will be Open

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


An Act Relating To The Extension of Hours Voting Polls Will be Open

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

Section 1: As participation in elections by all citizens of the Commonwealth becomes even more critical, voting hours in Kentucky are limited from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, prevailing hours, which prevents many citizens from voting due to work constraints and child care issues. Many other states extend voting hours longer than 12 hours on Election Day in order to allow more people to vote.

Section 2: KRS 118.035(1) is amended to read as follows: The polls shall be opened on the day of a primary, special election, or regular election at 6 a.m., prevailing time, and shall remain open until each voter who is waiting in line at the polls at 11:30 p.m., prevailing time, has voted. At 11:30 p.m., prevailing time, if voters are waiting at the polls to vote, the precinct election sheriff shall announce that a voter wishing to vote must immediately get in line. When all voters waiting at the polls at that time are in line, the precinct election sheriff shall then determine which voter is the last in line, and that voter shall be the last voter permitted to vote. The precinct election sheriff shall wait in line with the last voter who shall be permitted to vote until that voter has voted and shall inform a voter who subsequently arrives at the polls that no one shall be permitted to vote after the last voter in line at 11:30 p.m., prevailing time. After the last voter waiting in line at 11:30 p.m., prevailing time, has voted, the polls shall then be closed.

Section 3: This amendment will go into effect January 1, 2026.

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Sponsors: David Warren, Dhaarick Vinod, Gabi Stivers, Diya Chandran	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: Sayre School HS							
City: Lexington							

1                                    An Act Relating To The Compensation Laws Regarding Exonerees  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4    SECTION 1. AN ADDITION TO KRS CHAPTER 411 IS MADE TO ALTER THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF  
5    COMPENSATION GIVEN TO WRONGFULLY CONVICTED AND CONDEMNED PEOPLE.

6    1) Individuals who are condemned for crimes that they are later found to be innocent of must be  
7    compensated for their losses from the punishment

8        (a) If time in jail is served, then the exoneree shall be funded by 100 dollars per night spent in jail.

9        (b) If the exoneree must give up any kind of equity, then that equity shall be returned alongside a five  
10    percent additional payment of the equity's value.

11        (c) There shall be assistance with reintegration, including support for education, employment, and  
12    housing.

13        (d) If exoneree is executed, then confirmed family and loved ones shall each be paid 1,000,000 United  
14    States dollars.

15        (e) If the exoneree's mental or physical health is damaged in any way as a result of the punishment, then  
16    the state shall provide full recovery funding and aid.

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18    2) Funds will be brought out from the state treasury—if the state can't come up with the money, then it is in  
19    debt to the exoneree. Therefore, our courts shall have more pressure to only find true criminals guilty, and  
20    corruption and error shall be limited.

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22    3) Compensation claims shall be submitted to the Office of the Attorney General within two years of  
23    exoneration. The Attorney General shall review each claim and recommend approval to the Governor.


24        (a) If the governor denies claims that are clearly valid, then he shall be in violation of the law.

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26    4) The Governor shall have 30 days to approve or deny the recommended compensation following the  
27    Attorney General's review. If any new information or amendments are presented regarding the claim, the 30-  
28    day period shall reset.

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30    5) This section shall be applied retroactively to all individuals exonerated after January 1, 2000, and  
31    prospectively to all future exonerations.

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33    6) The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that individuals wrongfully condemned are provided fair and  
34    timely compensation, recognizing the hardship, loss, and trauma endured as a result of wrongful convictions  
35    and punishments

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37    7) This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2026

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Sponsors: Xavier Burgin, Joey Ernst, Zach Ingram, Raj Patel	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: Villa Madonna Academy HS							
City: Villa Hills							

1                                   An Act Relating To Lowering the Income Tax for the Lower 50%

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

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4   In the Kentucky census, on kypolicy.org, taken in 2023, 21% of children in the Commonwealth are in poverty

5   which is the fifth highest poverty rate in all of the 50 states. Kentucky is also ranked 6 in the highest

6   poverty rate overall with 16.4 % of people living in poverty. We are trying to change this and lower the

7   poverty rate. With the changes of the income tax dropping to 3.5% on January 1, 2026;we are suggesting

8   lowering the income tax to 3% on people making less than \$57,357 or the bottom 50%. Currently 26 states

9   are on Graduated-rate income tax and Kentucky would be the 27th on January 1, 2027 if our bill passes.

10   When the income tax was at 4% the bottom 50% tax was less than \$2,294 per person. That is money we

11   can't take away from people that really need that money. With dropping the income tax on the bottom 50%

12   we would be taking \$1,721 or less from the bottom 50% and that could help out every person who needs

13   the money because we are taking less from each. In 2025 Kentucky is at a surplus of \$313 million so we

14   could afford to lose a little bit of money from the bottom half of people in our state. With the bottom 50% of

15   Kentuckians not benefiting enough with the .5 drop in income tax, we want to help out the hard working

16   class by making their income tax drop another .5%. In 2023, Kentucky raised their sales tax to 6%. With that

17   tax raise, we can lower the income tax rate which will also cause people to buy more things and use the

18   sales tax because they have extra money with lower taxes. As well Kentucky profited 131 million dollars

19   which will also go towards the same investments as the income taxes. Things like healthcare, education,

20   infrastructure and public safety.

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23   With lower the income tax on the bottom 50% of annual income, we are hoping that more and more people


24   will move to the Commonwealth and not leave because they are going into debt from taxes on their income.

25   Currently 8 states have 0 income tax, and we are looking to lower ours and help people have a better life

26   with little to no taxes on the hard work money they made. Some people with too low of income don't have

27   to pay income tax, and with lower the state income tax for those who need it, we could still profit some

28   money because more people are able to fill out and pay their taxes

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Sponsors: Finley MacKay, Ross Storer	Action on the Bill
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City: Walton	
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An Act Relating To HS Physical Education Requirements

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


KRS 156.160 is Amended to read as follows: Amend (1)(a)2. to read as follows,

"If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the course shall be accepted as meeting the

physical education requirement for HS graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law. Students who

actively participate in interscholastic or club athletic programs during at least two of the three HS sports

seasons shall likewise be exempt from the physical education course requirement for graduation."

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School: West Carter Co. HS							
City: Olive Hill							

**An Act Relating To Child Abuse Charges for Pregnant Women Who Use Alcohol or Illegal Drugs**

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

Section 1: According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, about 5% of women in Kentucky use illegal drugs or alcohol while pregnant. Each year, over 100,000 infants lose their lives due to parental exposure to substances. Drug and alcohol abuse during pregnancy is a major cause of infant mortality and contributes to Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), which can severely affect a newborn's health and development. NAS may result in tremors, seizures, convulsions, muscle stiffness, body dysmorphia, failure to thrive, and other serious development issues. Substance abuse during pregnancy endangers both the unborn child and the mother.

Section 2: Under Kentucky's current law, House Bill 1 (2018), a mother of a child born with NAS must enroll in a drug treatment program within 90 days and maintain consistent postnatal care or risk termination of parental rights.

With the passage of this Act, pregnant women identified as using alcohol or illegal drugs will continue to be given opportunities for rehabilitation. However, to reduce the occurrence of NAS and protect unborn children, repeated offenses will result in criminal penalties.

First offense: The pregnant woman shall be required to obtain treatment for substance use disorder as identified in KRS 600.020.

Second offense: The pregnant woman shall face charges of child abuse and/or neglect.

Healthcare providers shall remain mandated reporters of substance abuse during pregnancy in accordance with Kentucky laws.


Section 3: The implementation of this Act shall require no additional funding.





# **COMMONWEALTH BILLS**

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

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	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate</b>
<b>Sponsors:</b> Leah Willan, Piper Steurer, Eleanor Keith	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <div> <div>House</div> <div>Senate</div> </div> <div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Passed  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Passed  <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated </div> </div>
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An Act Relating To legal punishment for performing nonconsensual intimate exams


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

Section 1. A new section of KRS CHAPTER 216 is created to read as follows: (1) All intimate exams (pelvic, prostate, and rectal examinations) shall require the patient’s explicit and informed consent for the procedure to be carried out. (2). Unless there is a medical emergency that warrants it, an intimate examination should not be performed, without consent, while a patient is having another procedure performed on them.

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

Section 3. Any medical professional found to be administering intimate exams without a patient’s informed consent shall stand trial, and, if found guilty, they shall be issued a Class D felony charge. They are to have their medical license suspended for at least a year if they are only fined. If they are given a prison sentence, they shall have their license suspended for the entire 1-4 years that they are in prison

Section 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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	Referred to Committee: <b>House</b>
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An Act Relating To Requirement of Having a Gun Permit Upon all Gun Purchases

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

Section 1. A new section of KRS chapter 237 is created to read as follows: (1) In order to purchase a gun, Kentuckians must first obtain a gun permit. (2) To receive a permit, applicants must take a written test covering safety and proper gun administration. (3) Applicants must score a minimum of 75 percent to pass. (4) Once issued, a permit is valid for 5 years. (5) The test will be offered in both English and Spanish. Applicants will be given a translator if needed. If the applicant cannot read, the test will be given orally. (6) This process will take place at the applicants’ local police department. (7) Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with zero felony convictions or open criminal cases and be a resident of the United States. (8) Applicants with minor felony convictions, who wish to obtain a permit, may apply for a pardon from the governor. (9) This Act will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Section 2. A new section of KRS chapter 237 is created as follows: (1) It is illegal for a legal adult to purchase or provide a gun to a minor. (2) This violation will be considered a Class A Misdemeanor. (3) Consequences include \$500 fines, driver’s license suspension, community service time, or possible jail time.

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

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City: Middletown							

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An Act ensure Kentucky's worker safety standards meet or exceed federal OSHA requirements and to provide stronger protections for employees in high-risk industries

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

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


Section 1:

It is proposed that a new section be added to House Bill 398 of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to read as follows:

[1]Kentucky will ensure that all state occupational safety standards are at least as strong as federal OSHA regulations.[2] The Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Program (KY OSH) shall review all federal OSHA updates within 180 days and adopt equal or stronger state standards.[3] Employers demonstrating exceptional safety records or improvements may qualify for reduced workers' compensation premiums and state recognition. [4] Employees shall be protected from retaliation when reporting unsafe working conditions, and KY OSH shall publish an annual public report summarizing inspections and safety data.

Section 2:

This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026

<div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div>	Red   CW4						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Jonathan Ramsey, Liam Quirk, Maggie Chlon, Riddhi Bhalla	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: Eastern HS							
City: Middletown							

1      **An Act to Require a retest for license renewal past the age of sixty-five in the commonwealth of Kentucky**  
2      **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
3      Section 1:  
4      This Bill aims to mitigate car crashes in the state of Kentucky caused by those whose age has impaired their ability to drive. This bill seeks to require  
5      that all citizens past the age of sixty-five renew their driver's license through an in-person driving test every four years, ensuring all elderly drivers  
6      retain the physical and cognitive ability to safely operate a vehicle.  
7      Section 2:  
8      Reuse of the intermediate license test  
9      Effective January 1, 2027 all citizens past the age of sixty-five must renew their licenses, starting at their license's first expiration after their sixty-  
10     fifth birthday, every four years through an in person driving test—the same road test used currently for administering the intermediate license.  
11     License Renewal and Retesting Procedures  
12     Drivers aged sixty-five or older who fail the in-person driving test required under this act shall follow the same process for regaining a valid license as  
13     currently established by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, with the exception that they must retake the driving exam in person, regardless of how  
14     long it has been since their license expired, in order to regain their license  
15     The time window for taking or retaking the test shall remain consistent with current license renewal timelines established under Kentucky law..  
16     Funding  
17     Funding for the implementation of this act shall be provided through existing budget allocations of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and through  
18     revenue collected from standard driver's license renewal fees. No additional taxes shall be imposed to carry out this act.  
19     Insurance Incentives  
20     To offset potential financial burdens and time constraints for elderly drivers, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) shall collaborate with  
21     insurance companies to develop a Safe Senior Driver Program to help elderly drivers more easily access the required driving test.  
22     Insurance companies participating in this program will have to show that they are offering premium discounts of 5–10% to individuals aged sixty-five  
23     and older who successfully pass the required in-person driving test.  
24     As an incentive for Insurance companies to participate in this program the state of Kentucky will offer promotional recognition, anonymized safety  
25     data, or minor regulatory incentives to encourage participation.  
26     Participation in this program shall be voluntary for insurance providers.  
27     Section 3:  
28     In the Commonwealth of Kentucky Individuals aged sixty-five and older have been shown to have higher involvement in fatal accidents. By requiring  
29     citizens aged sixty-five and older to take an in-person driving test every four years, Kentucky will obtain safer roads by ensuring that all drivers  
30     maintain the necessary vision, reaction time, and motor skills to operate a vehicle safely.  
31     Section 4:  
32     This act shall be enforced by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky State Police, and in the same manner as existing regulations  
33     regarding license expiration. All enforcement actions shall be conducted in accordance with existing Kentucky statutes and procedures relating to the  
34     expiration and renewal of operator's licenses, including citation and renewal requirements.  
35     Section 6:  
36     This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

<div><div><div><div><div></div><div>the</div></div><div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div>YMCA</div></div></div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div></div></div>	Blue   CW5
	Referred to Committee: House
Sponsors: Halle Bailey, Emily McReynolds, Samantha Logan	Action on the Bill
School: Greenup Co. HS	
City: Greenup	
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An ACT Relating to Amending Penalties for Sexual Abuse in the First Degree.  
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1.  
KRS 510.110 is amended to read as follows.  
The contents of subsection (1) of KRS 510.110 shall remain unchanged.

Section 2.  
Sexual abuse in the first degree shall be classified as a Class C felony, unless the victim is less than twelve (12) years old, in which case the offense shall be classified as a Class B felony.

Section 3.  
Any statute or part of a statute in conflict with this Act is hereby repealed.

Section 4.  
This act will go into effect immediately upon its passage.

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Sponsors: Julia Minor, Evelyn Yu	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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An Act Relating to Kentucky Waste Reduction

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OK KRS CHAPTER 224 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All fast-food restaurants in Kentucky are required to donate any unsold food to food banks or homeless shelters. (2) The food must follow the FDA Food Code to qualify to be donated.

Section 2. Terms in this Act shall be defined as follows: (1) A fast-food restaurant is to be defined as an establishment that offers quick service and a limited menu of pre-prepared or rapidly cooked food. (2) The FDA Food Code requires food to be stored, prepared, packaged, displayed, and labeled according to the Food Code.

Section 3: Failure to adhere to this Act will result in penalties as follows: (1) Any fast-food restaurant that fails to follow this law shall be fined \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense, and a temporary suspension of their Business License for the third offense. (2) They will receive a punishment if they fail to donate at least once in 30 days. (3) Licenses will be suspended for up to two weeks unless there is a plan set for donations by the restaurant before then.

<div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div>	Blue   CW7						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Ashleigh Cook, Boston Mullen, Christian Patton	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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City: Eddyville							

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An Act Relating To Student Safety in Public Schools

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

Section 1: Any individual who knowingly makes a false report of an emergency to law enforcement (commonly known as “swatting”), resulting in an emergency response to a public school, shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

Section 2: In addition to criminal penalties, the individual shall be required to reimburse the responding law enforcement agency, emergency medical services, and school district for costs incurred due to the false report.

Section 3: Each public school shall include swatting response protocols in its annual Emergency Management Plan, including coordination with local law enforcement and communication procedures with parents and guardians.







Referred to Committee:  
**Senate**

## Action on the Bill


## House

## Senate


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


Section 4: By changing the Kentucky Oath of Office, it would show that our government is up to date and prepared to evolve with the times. Along with this, it would allow our government to remain progressive. Many surrounding states have an oath of office that is relevant to their society today. For example, the Virginia Oath of Office reads as follows, "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon me as ..., according to the best of my ability (so help me God)." This oath is clear, concise, and relevant to the modern age. There is no presence of outdated text, and the phrase "so help me God" is optional. Many states have also made the phrase "so help me God" optional in their oath.

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Sponsors: Charley Manz, Maddie Galligan, AB Galligan	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: Presentation Academy HS							
City: Louisville							

1     An Act Relating To Granting Local Legislative Bodies the Authority to Establish Standards of Paid Sick Leave  
2                 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4     Section 1: KRS 65.016 is amended to read as follows: The legislative body of any city, county, consolidated  
5     local government, urban-county government, charter county government, or unified local government shall  
6     not have the authority to require any employer to pay an employee a certain wage.  
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8     Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 65.016 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The legislative body of any  
9     city, county, consolidated local government, urban-county government, charter county government, or  
10    unified local government may establish a standard of paid sick leave. Other fringe benefits shall remain at the  
11    discretion of employers.  
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13    Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.  
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15    Section 4: This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2026.

<div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div>	Red   CW11						
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Sponsors: Lauren Gardner, Keely Ecleberry, Greta Stall	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: Sacred Heart Academy							
City: Louisville							

1     An Act Relating To designating the Derby Pie as the official state dessert of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
2                 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4     SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:  
5         1.     The General Assembly hereby designates Derby Pie as the official state dessert of the  
6     Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
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9         2.     The Kentucky Department of Tourism is encouraged to recognize and promote Derby Pie in its  
10    materials highlighting Kentucky’s culture, heritage, and culinary traditions.  
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13         3.     Recognition of the state dessert shall not impose any additional fiscal or regulatory obligations on  
14    the Commonwealth.  
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18    SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.  
19    The General Assembly finds that:  
20    (a) Derby Pie was first created in 1954 by the Kern family at the Melrose Inn in Prospect, Kentucky;(b) The  
21    dessert’s distinctive combination of chocolate and nuts has become a culinary symbol associated with  
22    Kentucky’s identity and the celebration of the Kentucky Derby;(c) Derby Pie represents the Commonwealth’s  
23    tradition of hospitality, creativity, and community;and  
24    (d) Formal recognition of Derby Pie as the official state dessert will preserve and promote an important  
25    element of Kentucky’s cultural heritage.  
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27    SECTION 3.  
28    This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Shelby Folden, Eva Conway, Allie Barker, Layla Knight	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <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 paid time off for presidential elections

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

An Act Relating to paid time off for presidential elections

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

Section 1: As of 2025, in Kentucky, Election Day is considered a state holiday, but does not require paid time off. In the 2024 election, only 62% of registered voters in Kentucky voted. This could be due to a lack of paid time off and time to vote. This is below the national average and a decline from the 65% of registered voters in Kentucky who voted in the 2020 election.


Section 2: As of 2025, KRS 2.190 reads as follows: "Any employee who is required to work on said state holiday shall receive compensatory pay or time off." This bill would amend it to read as follows: "Any employee who is required to work on said state holiday shall receive at least a half day of paid time off."

Section 3: This act would implement a ½ day of paid time off on Election Day to increase the number of voters by allowing them paid time during the day to vote. Each employer is allowed to enforce the half-day at their own discretion. The employer may select which half of the day employees are off, as well as the percentage of total workers off at any point. Amending and enforcing this bill will hopefully lead to a larger registered voter turnout, aiming towards an increase of 5-10%. According to census.gov, the most common reason reported for not voting was being "too busy, conflicting work schedule." As of 2025, 19 other states in the U.S. require paid time off.

Section 4: Any act against this amendment on KRS 2.190 shall be classified as a Class A misdemeanor, with a fine of \$500 per employee. The funds from these fines shall be directed towards voter registration systems.

Section 5: These changes shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Section 6: Any statute contrary to this amendment shall be amended or repealed.

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Sponsors: Adelaide Dailey, Lily Carter, Elizabeth Cundiff, Annabelle Wood	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: Sacred Heart Academy							
City: Louisville							

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An Act Relating To the Reform of Kentucky’s Child Custody and Reunification System

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

An Act Relating to the Reform of Kentucky’s Child Custody and Reunification System

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

Section 1: Many children who have been removed from abusive homes are prematurely returned to unsafe environments, placing them at serious risk of re-traumatization or continued harm.


Section 2: This bill proposes comprehensive reforms to Kentucky’s child custody and reunification procedures to better protect children from being returned to abusive or unsafe households.

Section 3: Before allowing the reunification of the guardian and child, multiple independent evaluations, conducted by CPS caseworkers, licensed psychologists, and pediatricians, will be required. The results of these assessments will reflect the findings of the evaluators and include behavioral screenings of the parent or guardian for aggressive behavior, antisocial, and substance abuse issues to ensure the child’s safety and well-being. Child evaluations will include clinical checkups and psychological examinations (ie, assessments of personality traits, social interactions, and empathy).

Section 4: Psychologists and CPS workers involved will be chosen using current employee lists from the State Board of Psychologists and Child Protection Services.

Section 5: Funding for this bill will be provided by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), with an estimated cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000 per case due to costs relating to the pay of the CPS employees involved and psychologists.

Section 6: This act will take effect starting September 1, 2026.

<div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div>	Red   CW14
	Referred to Committee: Senate
Sponsors: Cecilia Biagi, Sofia Cadolini, Ruby Lilla, Presley Harrison	Action on the Bill <div><div>HouseSenate</div><div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</div></div></div></div></div>
School: Sacred Heart Academy	
City: Louisville	

1 An Act Relating To to the implementation of specific regulations on home insurance companies in regards to  
2 the adoption/purchase of a home pet.

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

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5 [1] As of 2025 in Kentucky, home insurance companies have a set list of dog breeds that they deem as  
6 dangerous for no other reason than the breed. This list is composed of: german shepards, staffordshire  
7 terriers, pitbull terriers, chihuahuas, dobermans, bullmastiffs, cane corsos, wolf dogs, and huskies. Any dog  
8 that is a mutt of any of these breeds is also considered dangerous.


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10 [2] This bill will illegalize the practice of raising home insurance premiums based solely on dog breed, on the  
11 basis that the current stature causes thousands of dogs to die in shelters every year due to the fact that it  
12 creates a reason for families to avoid adopting dogs. A new stature will instead be implemented in order to  
13 continue to maintain the safety of the people. The new stature will be: home insurance can only be raised if  
14 the dog is considered 'viscous' under the standards of Kentucky law. A vicious dog is a dog with one count of  
15 assault.

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17 [3] This bill will ensure that families are not deterred from adopting dogs of certain breeds. Most of the  
18 dogs that are dying in shelters are dogs that are on the 'danger list' according to home insurance companies.  
19 These dogs are unfairly considered dangerous based solely on their breed. Upon passing of this bill, no dog  
20 will be denied their dignity as living creatures. Furthermore, the financial prosperity of a person will be  
21 protected through lessening the financial burden placed upon them by insurance companies for adopting a  
22 dog.

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24 [4] In respect of the constitutional stature of ex post facto: any insurance company that has raised  
25 insurance for dog breeds prior to the passing of this resolution will not be held accountable for past raises,  
26 only future raises. This upholds the constitutionality of law and the prosperity of the company, persons, and  
27 dogs.

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29 [5] Insurance companies will be held legally accountable if they break this new law, the same way they would  
30 be held accountable for breaking other laws. The accountability and enforcement will be in the hands of the  
31 Kentucky Insurance Department. The methods of accountability include: government lawsuits, fines, or  
32 customer lawsuits.

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34 [6] This bill will go into effect on January first of 2027 under KRS 258 about dog ownership liability.

<div><div><div>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</div><div>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</div></div></div>	Red   CW15						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Ellie Oldham, Phanisree Murty, Sam Shirley, Amelia Sutherlin	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: Sayre School HS							
City: Lexington							

An Act Relating To Preventing and Reducing Chronic Health Conditions  
**Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1) An implementation of mobile wellness clinics and community health programs to provide preventive care and combat obesity, heart disease, and other chronic health issues in underserved areas of Kentucky;2) The creation of community physical activity programs in buildings such as public gyms, schools, parks, and churches that shall provide fitness equipment, group classes, and education on healthy living, disease prevention, and maintaining active lifestyles for children, adults, and families;3) These mobile wellness clinics will provide care such as screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI, and other risk factors, one-on-one nutrition consultations that include personalized diet plans and behavioral coaching, and referrals to local healthcare professionals to ensure patients can receive long-term support;4) Medical professionals, nutritionists, fitness trainers, and administrators shall be hired and paid to provide proper care, education, and programming at these clinics and community programs.


Section 2.

These programs will be funded by the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC);funds may be used for staff salaries, clinic operations, educational materials, fitness equipment, after-school programming, and participation incentives.

Section 3.

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



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Sponsors: Kinsey Kochvar, Amaia Lainhart, Becca Ramdass, Andreas Ursic	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: Villa Madonna Academy HS							
City: Villa Hills							

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An Act Relating To Credit on Sentence

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


Section 1: IT IS PROPOSED THAT KRS 197.045 WILL BE REVISED TO STATE THAT (1.) Any person convicted and sentenced to a state penal institution: (b) May receive a credit on his or her sentence for:

1. Good behavior in an amount not exceeding seven (7) days for each month served, to be determined by the department from the conduct of the prisoner;2. Performing exceptionally meritorious service or performing duties of outstanding importance in connection with institutional operations and programs, awarded at the discretion of the commissioner in an amount not to exceed five (5) days per month;3. Acts of exceptional service during times of emergency, awarded at the discretion of the commissioner in an amount not to exceed seven (7) days per month;and


4. Attending Psychotherapy once every six months, if the necessary number of psychologist are available, in an amount not exceeding three (3) days per month.

"Psychotherapy" to be defined as the use of learning, conditioning methods, and emotional reactions, in a professional relationship, to assist a person or persons to modify feelings, attitudes, and behavior which are intellectually, socially, or emotionally maladjusted or ineffectual;Section 2: The Department of Corrections will enforce this bill.

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

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1           An Act Relating To the Inclusion of AI-Generated Images in the Definition of Sexual Extortion  
2               **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4   Section 1: KRS 531.125 is amended to read as follows: Amend subsection (1)(a)2. to read as follows:  
5   "Produce, provide, or distribute any matter — including photographs, videos, or AI-generated or synthetic  
6   visual representations — depicting that person engaging in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or semi-  
7   nudity."  
8   Section 2: KRS 531.125 is amended to read as follows: Amend subsection (1)(b)2. to read as  
9   follows:"Distribute any matter — including AI-generated or synthetic visual representations — depicting  
10   another person engaged in sexual conduct or in a state of nudity or semi-nudity with the intent to coerce  
11   that person to: Engage in sexual conduct;Produce, provide, or distribute any matter — including AI-  
12   generated or synthetic visual representations — depicting that person engaging in sexual conduct or in a  
13   state of nudity or semi-nudity;Provide the payment of money, property, services, or any other thing of value  
14   to the perpetrator;or Do any act or refrain from doing any act against his or her will.""  
15   Section 3: A new subsection is added to KRS 531.125 to read as follows: "As used in this section, 'AI-  
16   generated or synthetic visual representation' means any photograph, video, image, or other visual depiction  
17   that is created, altered, or enhanced by artificial intelligence, machine learning, or other automated digital  
18   processes to portray a person in a state of nudity, semi-nudity, or sexual conduct, regardless of whether the  
19   depicted person actually participated in the depicted act."

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An Act Relating To Tuition Benefits for Children of First-Responders

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

(1) (a) Any person whose parent or any nonmarried widow or widower whose spouse was a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon becoming a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel and who was killed while in active service or training for active service or who died as a result of a service-connected disability shall not be required to pay any matriculation or tuition fee upon admission to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any firefighter or volunteer firefighter who is killed or dies under the conditions covered in this subsection on July 1, 1989, or thereafter. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any emergency medical services personnel who were killed or dies under the conditions covered in this subsection on July 1, 2026, or thereafter.

(b) In order to obtain the benefits conferred by paragraph (a) of this subsection, the parent-child relationship shall be shown by birth certificate, adoption papers, or other documentary evidence. The spousal relationship shall be shown by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence. The parent's or spouse's service and the cause of death shall be evidenced by certification from the records of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency which employed the deceased, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under KRS 95A.262, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities of all classes, or the county, city, or administrative agency employing the emergency medical services personnel.

(2) (a) Any person whose parent or any nonmarried widow or widower whose spouse was an employee participating in a state-administered retirement system, and not otherwise covered by subsection (1) of this section, and who died as a result of a duty-related injury as described in KRS 61.621 shall not be required to pay any matriculation or tuition fee upon admission to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution.

(b) In order to obtain the benefits conferred by paragraph (a) of this subsection, the parent-child relationship shall be shown by birth certificate, adoption papers, or other documentary evidence. The spousal relationship shall be shown by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence. The parent's or spouse's service and the cause of death shall be evidenced by certification from the records of the employing agency or the appropriate retirement system.

(3) If one so admitted to a state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution under the provisions of this section shall have obtained a cash scholarship paid or payable to the institution, from whatever source, the amount of the scholarship shall be applied to the credit of the applicant in the payment of incidental expenses of his attendance at the institution, and any balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, shall be returned to the applicant.

(4) The term "emergency medical services personnel" in this section, retains the same definition as it is in KRS 61.315,  
-> Section 2. KRS 164.2842 is amended to read as follows:

(1) (a) The spouse, regardless of age, and any child of a permanently and totally disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel injured while in active service or in training for active service, who is over the age of seventeen (17) and under the age of twenty-three (23) shall not be required to pay any matriculation or tuition fee upon his admission to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution for a period not in excess of thirty-six (36) months in order to obtain a diploma, nor in excess of the lesser number of months required for a certificate of completion.

(b) For the spouse or child to be entitled to benefits under this section, the disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel shall be rated permanently and totally disabled for pension purposes or one hundred percent (100%) disabled for compensation purposes by the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency which employed the disabled, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under KRS 95A.262, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities of all classes, or the county, city, or administrative agency employing the emergency medical services personnel, or if deceased, the claim to benefits is to be based on the rating held by the law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel at the time of death. The parent's or spouse's service and rating shall be evidenced by certification from the records of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the appropriate local law enforcement agency, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under KRS 95A.262, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities of all classes.

(c) In the absence of certification of permanent and total disability by the Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims, the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the appropriate local law enforcement agency, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under KRS 95A.262, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities of all classes, or the county, city, or administrative agency employing the emergency medical services personnel, medical evidence showing permanent and total disability or the existence of permanent and total disability for a period of at least thirty (30) days immediately prior to death may be accepted, if this evidence is signed by a physician licensed to practice or an official of an accredited medical hospital.

(d) The parent-child relationship shall be shown by birth certificate, legal adoption papers, or other documentary evidence. The spousal relationship shall be shown by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence.

(e) To entitle a spouse or child to benefits under this section the disabled law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel shall have been a resident of the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon becoming a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.

(2) (a) The spouse, regardless of age, and any child of a person who was an employee participating in a state-administered retirement system and not otherwise covered by subsection (1) of this section and who was disabled as a result of a duty-related injury as described in KRS 61.621, who is over the age of seventeen (17) and under the age of twenty-three (23) shall not be required to pay any matriculation or tuition fee upon his admission to any state-supported university, community college, or vocational training institution for a period not in excess of thirty-six (36) months in order to obtain a diploma, nor in excess of the lesser number of months required for a certificate of completion.

(b) The parent-child relationship shall be shown by birth certificate, legal adoption papers, or other documentary evidence. The spousal relationship shall be shown by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence.

(3) The marriage of an eligible child shall not serve to deny full entitlement to the benefits provided in this section.

(4) The term "emergency medical services personnel" in this section, retains the same definition as it is in KRS 61.315