





BLUEGRASS BILLS


**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG1							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Eleanor Means, Caydence Adams, Harrison Williams, Evodio Soto Hernandez	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>		House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Bondurant MS								
City: Frankfort								


1 An Act Relating To Increasing Media Literacy and Digital Safety Education in Kentucky Public Schools
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1.
5 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6 (1) All Kentucky public schools shall provide instruction in media literacy and digital safety to students in
7 grades six (6) through twelve (12).
8 (2) The instruction shall include, but not be limited to, the following topics:
9 (a) Recognizing credible and non-credible online information sources;
10 (b) Identifying phishing, malware, and online scam attempts;
11 (c) Practicing responsible and respectful online communication;and
12 (d) Understanding data privacy and safe technology use.
13 (3) This instruction may be integrated into existing technology, English, or social studies courses, or
14 provided as a standalone unit.
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16 Section 2.
17 The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop guidelines, materials, and professional learning
18 opportunities to assist schools in implementing this requirement no later than the 2026–2027 school
19 year.
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21 Section 3.
22 There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the General Fund the sum of one million dollars
23 (\$1,000,000) in fiscal year 2025–2026 for the purpose of developing media literacy curriculum
24 materials and providing teacher training.
25
26 Section 4.
27 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG3	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Addalie Weddle, Paisly Grider	Action on the Bill	
School: Casey Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Liberty	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Raising the Legal Purchase and Consumption of Alcohol Age From 21 to 25
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. Purpose
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6 The purpose of this Act is to promote roadway safety and protect young drivers in the Commonwealth of
7 Kentucky by raising the legal drinking age to twenty-five (25) years.
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9 Given that Kentucky recently lowered the age to obtain a driver’s permit to fifteen (15), this Act seeks to
10 ensure that young and newly licensed drivers are not exposed to alcohol-related risks while learning and
11 driving on public roads.
12
13 Section 2. Legal Age for Alcohol
14
15 (1) No person under the age of twenty-five (25) shall purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume
16 an alcoholic beverage in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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18 (2) No licensed retailer or individual shall sell, serve, or provide alcohol to any person under the age of
19 twenty-five (25).
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21 (3) Any person under twenty-five (25) found in possession of alcohol shall be subject to penalties under
22 Section 3 of this Act.
23
24 Section 3. Penalties
25
26 (1) Individuals under twenty-five (25) who violate this Act shall be fined up to \$250 for a first offense and
27 up to \$500 for subsequent offenses.
28
29 (2) Retailers or servers who knowingly provide alcohol to persons under twenty-five (25) shall be fined up to
30 \$1,000 for a first offense and may face suspension or revocation of their alcohol license upon repeated
31 violations.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG6	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Carter Pettit	Action on the Bill	
School: Cub Run ES	House	Senate
City: Cub Run	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 An Act Relating To The Election Of A Student Representative to Site-Based Decision Making Council
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to allow student voice in decision making for his/her school.
- 5
- 6 Section 2: This would occur in middle schools/ middle grades and high schools only.
- 7
- 8 Section 3: At the end of each school year, teachers may recommend students that are eligible, grade wise.
- 9 Schools will develop their own recommendation forms for teachers to fill out. An emphasis on leadership and
- 10 good standing at school is recommended. The council would then choose a student to be part of the council
- 11 from the recommendations gathered.
- 12
- 13 Section 4: The student representative is for input from a student’s perspective only. He/She would not have
- 14 a vote on any council decision.
- 15
- 16 Section 5: This bill will be of no cost to the state of Kentucky.
- 17
- 18 Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG8	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Sylvia Melancon, Brelynn Williams, Emmie Blue, Natalie Swigart	Action on the Bill	
School: Drakes Creek MS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Safety Protocols in Lock Down Drills for Grades 6-12**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1: In 2024 alone, there were 349 school shootings in the U.S. This suggests that the rate will
5 continue to grow, making this more of an issue the more we wait to respond to this problem. 52% of
6 students think and/or worry about their physical safety during the day, and more than half of those students
7 don't feel supported by how schools handle emergency situations. The distress that school shootings cause
8 leads to a decline in average test scores, student enrollment, and absenteeism, meaning it is distracting
9 students in the U.S more than people would assume.(Stanford University) Violence is most common in middle
10 school students, especially in large, public schools, meaning it is affecting us directly. This is affecting
11 student's mental health and academic performance, making this a problem that needs to be solved.
12
13 SECTION 2: This bill proposes that students attending grades 6-12 Kentucky Public Schools should learn
14 basic first aid training and defense. This basic first aid will include CPR, ABCs(airway breathing circulation),
15 apply pressure to control bleeding, and clean and dress a wound. The defense training should be taught as
16 using their surroundings to act as a last resort towards the threat. They should learn and identify objects in
17 the classroom that could act as a defense weapon in a life threatening situation. These lessons should be
18 taught in turn with the basic lockdown drills.
19
20 SECTION 3: This bill suggests that there must be a conversation in class, or at a school wide assembly,
21 presented by the teacher and/or adult in the building each school year. The topic of which being identifying
22 objects in the classroom for defense purposes. In addition to that, this bill will make it so that there will be a
23 conversation or assembly each school year about basic first aid, spoken about by an adult educated in this
24 type of field. This can be spoken about by the school nurses in the district, which are required at every
25 Kentucky Public school.
26
27 SECTION 4: There must be feasible documentation of a conversation and/ or assembly which will be required
28 for each school to send in to their district. If the school fails to adhere to these requirements, the school can
29 be prompted to have the conversation and/or assembly again, have authority intervene, or withhold or
30 reduce state funding.
31
32 SECTION 5: This bill will be put into place in the 2026 - 2027 school year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG10	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Kara Mizell, connor obrien, knox bolin	Action on the Bill	
School: East Oldham MS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Education Funding and the Establishment of a Bourbon Tax
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. Purpose.
5 The purpose of this Act is to establish a tax on bourbon purchased by corporations in order to provide
6 funding for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), ensuring that all students in Kentucky have access to
7 free breakfast and lunch daily.
8
9 Section 2. Bourbon Tax.
10 (1) Any corporation purchasing bourbon within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be subject to a tax of
11 five cents (\$0.05) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) spent.
12 (2) The tax imposed under this Act shall be collected and enforced by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
13
14 Section 3. Allocation of Funds.
15 (1) All funds collected from the bourbon tax shall be directed to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in
16 Kentucky.
17 (2) The IRS shall ensure that funds are used exclusively for the purpose of providing free breakfast and lunch
18 to students across all schools and districts, including those not currently classified as high-poverty.
19
20 Section 4. Findings.
21 The General Assembly finds that:
22 (a) According to the Education Data Initiative, 87% of surveyed school districts reported an annual increase
23 in the number of students who could not afford school meals;
24 (b) CEP currently provides free meals only to schools and districts classified as high poverty;
25 (c) Access to daily nutritious meals is critical for student health, academic success, and overall well-being;and
26 (d) Implementing this tax will help ensure that all students in Kentucky are healthy, happy, and ready to learn,
27 thus contributing to the Commonwealth’s brighter future.
28
29 Section 5. Effective Date.
30 This Act shall take effect on February 1, 2026, to allow sufficient time for corporations, distilleries, the IRS,
31 and other stakeholders to prepare for implementation.
32
33 Section 6. Enforcement.
34 The IRS shall enforce compliance with this tax and shall monitor the allocation of funds to ensure they are
35 utilized for their intended purpose

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG11	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Bryce Gardner, Loren Gates, Kate Peter	Action on the Bill	
School: Echo Trail Middle School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Mandating the Creation of a Helpline for Diverse Peoples in the State of Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 On July 17, 2025, the Trump Administration terminated the “Press 3” option of the 988 Suicide Hotline.
5 which specifically served LGBTQ+ youth.
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7 **BE ENACTED BY THE SUICIDE PREVENTION CONSORTIUM OF KENTUCKY:**
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9 Whereas the state recognizes the profound emotional distress indicated by self-harm and the need for more
10 accessible, supportive, and non-punitive mental health resources for all populations, it is even more dire in
11 the LGBTQIA+ community. Not all individuals are comfortable with traditional counseling, and many lack the
12 financial means or knowledge to seek help. The stigma associated with mental health struggles and self-
13 harm creates significant barriers to seeking and receiving effective treatment.
14
15 Per a 2024 survey from The Trevor Project, 14% of LGBTQIA youth in Kentucky admit to attempting suicide,
16 and 43% have considered committing suicide in the past year. With no support from local communities, these
17 individuals will continue suffering in silence or be tempted to take their own lives. With the termination of
18 federal support, it is up to the state to look after the well-being of all citizens.
19
20 If passed, this bill seeks to mandate the creation of a hotline to serve mental health and suicide prevention
21 services for the LGBTQIA+ population.
22
23 The creation of the hotline and subsequent employment of mental health professionals will be funded by the
24 Division of Behavioral Health.
25
26 If not implemented, Kentucky youth will continue to suffer and become nothing more than a negative
27 statistic.
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29 The bill will go into effect following the New Year, January 1st, 2026

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG12	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Alicia Donnelly, Haleigh Wissinger, Jennifer McGonagle	Action on the Bill	
School: Echo Trail Middle School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Reduce the Number of Required School Days for All Middle and High School Students**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 **BE ENACTED BY KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:**
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6 **WHEREAS** the majority of school districts function utilizing the traditional five day school week, this bill
7 seeks to restructure into a four day model.
8
9 **With educational funding being cut, it is a necessity for school districts to implement structures to increase**
10 **savings when possible. While not traditional, researchers say districts that implement a four day structure**
11 **save approximately 1%-3% of their budget.**
12
13 **If passed, this bill will increase savings in all school districts in the state of Kentucky and could also serve to**
14 **improve mental health for students and staff.**
15
16 **This bill will require no funding, as it will reduce the number of school days in which staff will have to**
17 **function and be paid.**
18
19 **This will go into effect for the 2026-2027 school year.**

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG13	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Mallery Denny, Julie VanHook, Lily Akers, Lily Herren	Action on the Bill	
School: Garrard MS	House	Senate
City: Lancaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To the Creation of Trauma Care Centers throughout rural Kentucky.
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Section 1: KRS Section 211.494 is amended to read as follows, establishes the creation of a statewide
- 5 trauma care center program within the Department for Public Health which establishes trauma care centers
- 6 within a 50 mile radius from one another.
- 7
- 8 Section 2: KRS Section 211.496 Is amended to read as follows, creates the Kentucky trauma care system
- 9 fund to support the trauma care program and for trauma care centers to be created within a 50 mile radius
- 10 from one another.
- 11
- 12 Section 3: The funding for this bill will derive from taxing all Kentucky casinos and gaming facilities.
- 13
- 14 Section 4: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.
- 15
- 16 Section 5: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG17	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Sylvie Dryden, Hollister Farmer, Graham Higdon, Cecilia Miller	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Trinity Catholic School - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Giving a 30 and 15 Day Notice Before Clearing Homeless Camps**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65.147 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A 30 day
5 notice before clearing homeless camps. (2) A second notice 15 days before clearing that homeless camp.
6
7 SECTION 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
8
9 SECTION 3. The police department of the county where the homeless camp resides will implement this bill.
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11 SECTION 4. This is appropriated to the State Government from the General Fund of \$100 in fiscal year
12 2024-2025 for the purposes of this bill.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG20	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Kennedy Coke, Sadie Claire Pearson	Action on the Bill	
School: James Madison MS	House	Senate
City: Madisonville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To the underusage of Urgent Cares.

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

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Section 1:


In Kentucky, this bill will take Urgent Care Centers across the state and make them open for 24 hours and they must constantly be running. This will relieve ERs from an abundant amount of patients and make it where Emergency Rooms are only used for emergencies and non-emergency situations will be sent to the Urgent Care Center.

Section 2:

Across Kentucky, the Health Department can enforce this law by fining the medical facilities that don't have their Urgent Care Centers open for 24 hours. The fine will cost \$15,000 each year and it will go to supporting other medical facilities that are opening their Urgent Cares for 24 hours. If they still refuse to open their centers for more hours, they will lose their medical license.

Section 3:

This bill will be enforced June 2026 making it possible for hospitals across the state to find employees and design a work schedule.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red BG23						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Henry Stapleton, Isaac Huber, Gideon Ratliff	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: Marnel C. Moorman							
City: Shelbyville							

1 An Act Relating To Establishing The Right To Repair For Farmers and Consumers In The Commonwealth Of
2 Kentucky

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

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5 Recognizing that farmers, consumers, and small businesses in Kentucky do not currently have the legal right
6 to repair their own equipment —including tractors, electronics, medical devices, and home appliances
7 —without being forced to rely solely on manufacturers.

8 - Rural areas make up the largest land areas of Kentucky, but rural areas often have limited access to
9 authorized service providers.

10 - Farming is a major part of Kentucky’s economy. But many farmers today are locked out of repairing their
11 own tractors and machinery due to software restrictions by big manufacturers like John Deere.

12 - Rural areas often have limited access to authorized service providers. Right to repair can reduce downtime
13 and cost.

14 - Small businesses and households would benefit from being able to repair phones, laptops, and appliances
15 rather than throw them away or pay inflated service fees.


16 - Environmental benefit: Reduces electronic waste and promotes sustainability.

17 - Require manufacturers to provide repair manuals, diagnostic tools, and parts to consumers and
18 independent repair shops.


19 - Protect farmers’ability to modify or fix their own machinery, especially during critical times like planting
20 and harvesting seasons.

21 - Apply to a range of products: from farm equipment to consumer electronics and medical devices (with
22 safety caveats).

23 - Include clear legal protections against software locks and anti-repair clauses in warranties.


 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red BG24	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Livi Lane, Gabby Hebner, Gideon Ratliff	Action on the Bill	
School: Marnel C. Moorman	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To Increasing Safety Laws Regarding Theme Park Rides
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Identifying that there is one major theme park in Kentucky - Kentucky Kingdom, owned by Herschend
- 5 Entertainment.
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- 7 Recognizing that there is currently no law that requires theme parks to test drive each ride every day.


 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG25							
	Referred to Committee: House							
Sponsors: Remington Davis, Ella Mills, Lilly Stedam	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: Maurice Bowling MS								
City: Owenton								

1 **An Act Relating to the Creation of a Local Student Mentorship Program**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


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- 4 Section 1:
- 5 The Kentucky Department of Education shall establish a Local Student Mentorship Program connecting high school juniors and
- 6 seniors with elementary and middle school students in need of guidance, encouragement, or support.
- 7
- 8 Section 2:
- 9 The goals of this program are to:
- 10 a) Provide positive role models for younger students,
- 11 b) Build stronger school and community connections,
- 12 c) Offer emotional and social support in areas with limited access to mental health services, and
- 13 d) Promote leadership and responsibility among high school students.
- 14
- 15 Section 3:
- 16 Each participating school district shall:
- 17 a) Select mentor applicants based on character, attendance, grades, and teacher recommendations;
- 18 b) Require each applicant to complete a vetting and interview process;
- 19 c) Train approved mentors under the supervision of school guidance counselors, district nurses, psychiatrists or other approved
- 20 licensed mental health professionals
- 21 d) Pair mentors and mentees based on shared interests or needs;
- 22 e) Hold mentorship meetings during school hours (advisory, enrichment, or study hall) to avoid transportation barriers.
- 23
- 24 Section 4:
- 25 All mentorship meetings will be supervised by staff and follow school safety and privacy policies. Mentors and mentees must sign a
- 26 behavior and confidentiality agreement.
- 27
- 28 Section 5:
- 29 High school mentors will receive community service hours for participation, which may count toward Portrait of a Learner or local
- 30 graduation requirements.
- 31
- 32 Section 6:
- 33 The Kentucky Department of Education shall begin a one-year pilot program in at least two rural school districts to measure success
- 34 before expanding statewide.
- 35
- 36 Section 7:
- 37 This program will use existing school personnel and resources, requiring minimal new funding.
- 38
- 39 Section 8:
- 40 This bill shall go into effect on July 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red BG27	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Taylor Brown, Mia Hammond, Libby Hollis, Claire Thompson	Action on the Bill	
School: Notre Dame Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the Requirement of New Driver License Testing for Adults Age 65 and Older
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: Comprehensive Driver Examination
5 - This Act amends Kentucky law KRS Chapter 186 to establish new, mandatory requirements for drivers age
6 65 and older upon license renewal. License holders age 65 and older must complete a comprehensive driver's
7 examination administered by the Kentucky State Police at the time of renewal and every four years
8 thereafter.
9 - Assessment Options: The examination requires one of the following two options:
10 - Medical Certification: Provide a Certification of Fitness from a licensed physician or equivalent medical
11 professional, attesting to the applicant's physical and mental capacity to drive safely.
12 - Standard Testing: Successfully pass a written knowledge test AND a road skills (behind-the-wheel) test.
13 - Failure and Retesting: Anyone failing to meet the minimum standards (failure of certification or testing)
14 must complete a state-approved driver safety refresher course before they can retest.
15 - Exclusions: These rules do not apply to those holding only a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or farm
16 vehicle exemption, unless they also drive a standard passenger vehicle.
17
18 Section 2: Funding and Staffing
19 - DMV Workforce Development Fund: A new, special non-lapsing fund is established in the State Treasury.
20 All revenue from the new testing fees will be deposited here.
21 - Fund Purpose: This money will be used exclusively by the Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky State
22 Police to offset costs and to fund the hiring, training, and retention of new staff (both office personnel and
23 State Police examiners) needed to implement the testing program. The Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky
24 State Police must prepare an estimate of all implementation costs (staffing, administration, etc.) and detail
25 how the new revenue will be used to offset these costs. This statement is due to the Legislative Research
26 Commission by January 1, 2026.
27
28 Section 3: Effective Date: This Act will take effect on July 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red BG29	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Leahla Hansen, maisie Howland, Veda Pullem, Maddi Wissing	Action on the Bill	
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Banning the Sale of Cosmetics that Test on Animals
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This act will ban any company in the state of Kentucky from selling or importing cosmetics that
5 perform animal testing on their products.
6
7 Section 2: Definition: Cosmetics are products that can be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on or applied
8 to the human body for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering a person's appearance.
9 Soaps are not considered cosmetics.
10
11 Definition: Cosmetic animal testing means the internal or external application or exposure of any cosmetic
12 product or any cosmetic ingredient to the skin, eyes, or any other body part of a live animal.
13
14 Kentucky does not have a specific law banning animal testing, but it does follow federal regulations like the
15 Animal Welfare Act (AWA), however the AWA does not ban the testing of cosmetics on animals.
16
17 Section 3: This bill will go into effect three months after it has passed. Companies that violate this law will
18 receive a fine of \$5,000 and will face an additional fine of \$1,000 for each day they remain in violation.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG3 1	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Winslow Vortex, Zeke Forman, Audrey Henson, Abbie Kragel	Action on the Bill	
School: Scott Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the Enhancement of Kentucky’s Environment Through the Prevention of Food Waste in
2 Schools

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


- 4
- 5 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 154 SUBCHAPTER 48 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
- 6 - The state shall allocate up to \$100,000 in the form of \$2,500 grants given to applying high school
- 7 chapters of Future Farmers of America (FFA).
- 8 - FFA chapters shall utilize these funds to purchase a food composter and any necessary materials or items
- 9 for a school cafeteria-based composting program.
- 10 - FFA chapters shall sell the compost created to local community members and farmers for the use of soil
- 11 enhancement, may choose to repay the grant.
- 12 - Any further profit may be used by FFA chapters for the expansion of local composting programs, the repair
- 13 or replacement of composting equipment, or other FFA needs.

14

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

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17 Section 3. This Act takes effect August 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG34	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Reagan Barnes, Emma Gallimore	Action on the Bill	
School: South Hopkins MS	House	Senate
City: Nortonville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To The Itemization and Delivery of Medical Bills
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3
4 Section 1: The goal of this bill is to make medical bills easier to understand, prevent mistakes, and give
5 patients more control over their healthcare costs. If doctors, hospitals, and clinics have to give patients a
6 detailed bill showing every charge, patients will know exactly what they are paying for, and medical providers
7 will need to be more honest and fair with their charges.


8
9 Section 2: Definitions

- 10 - Itemized Medical Bill: A list that shows every service, test, medicine, or supply a patient gets, along with the
11 price for each.
12 - Healthcare Provider: Any doctor, hospital, clinic, or medical facility that bills patients for their services.
13 - Electronic Format: A digital version of the bill that you can get online, by email, or as a PDF.
14 - Paper Format: A printed copy of the bill that can be mailed or handed to the patient.


15
16 Section 3: All doctors, hospitals, and clinics in Kentucky must give an itemized bill to every patient after they
17 get medical care. The bill must show every service, test, or supply, the price for each, and the total amount
18 owed. Patients should get their bill within 30 days. Bills may be sent electronically. Paper copies should be
19 provided upon request.

20
21 Section 4: The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services will make sure this bill is followed. Medical
22 providers must keep records for at least three years to show they are following the rules. If a provider
23 breaks the rules the first time, they will get a warning. If they break the rules again, they could have to pay
24 up to \$500 for each violation.


25
26 Section 5: This bill does not need extra money from the state. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will
27 handle enforcement using their current staff and resources.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue BG35	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Elizabeth Meirose, Henry Kleinert, Lucy Schroeder, Henry Learn	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Agnes School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To 20 Minute Dedicated Recess For Elementary and Middle Schools In Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION ON KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS
5 FOLLOWS: (1) Recess will be defined as 20 minutes of continuous physical activity
6 each day applicable to elementary and middle school students throughout Kentucky.
7 This is in addition to any physical education class that is part of the curriculum.
8
9 Section 2: Activity can help children and adolescents improve cardiorespiratory fitness,
10 build healthier bodies, control weight, and reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety.
11 Studies have shown that having recess improves social and emotional development,
12 improves academic achievement, and reduces behavioral issues.
13
14 Section 3: This bill require no additional funding, equipment, or special materials.
15
16 Section 4: The nature and implementation is up to the discretion of each school's
17 principal or school board. No punitive measures or reporting requirements are further
18 required.
19
20 Section 5: This act takes effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG38	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ella Graham, Kate Judge, Haley May, Lily Miller	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Patrick ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 **An Act Relating To Free Feminine Hygiene Products in Middle School and High School Bathrooms**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Section 1: Adding free feminine products such as pads and tampons to all middle and high school bathrooms
- 5 across the state of Kentucky.
- 6
- 7 Section 2: Adding free menstrual products to all middle school and high school bathrooms, and providing
- 8 menstrual products for them to be able to take care of their menstrual cycles.
- 9
- 10 Section 3: The lack of resources for young girls can spark worry and lead to absenteeism in the time needed
- 11 in class.
- 12
- 13 Section 4: Menarcheal girls who are just starting their period may not have the feminine hygiene products to
- 14 attend to it. If not supplied, girls do not have the correct resources to manage their periods.
- 15
- 16 Section 5: One in five girls misses school due to their period, and one in eight female students are currently
- 17 on their period.
- 18
- 19 Section 6: First, prioritizing middle and high schools, and if successful, possibly elementary schools as well.
- 20
- 21 Section 7: Any school failing to provide these items can result in an automatic withdrawal of the Blue Ribbon
- 22 Award or other significant school awards of the Kentucky Government's choice.
- 23
- 24 Section 8: This Act takes effect August 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red BG39	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Beckett Mckenzie, Liam Mudd, Sam Yost, Stella Zeiler	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Patrick ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Requiring a Financial Literacy Course in Kentucky Schools**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: Currently, in the state of Kentucky, there have been approximately 6,000 bankruptcy filings in
5 just 2025 alone. A recent survey shows that 78% of teens ages 13 to 18 feel unprepared to manage their
6 finances after graduating high school. Another survey shows that 74% of teens are worried that their
7 family's current financial situation will affect their ability to be financially successful.
8
9 Section 2: This bill is creating a class for our future society by teaching students how to be financially
10 successful. If students are taught at an early age, they can improve significantly in the future.
11
12 Section 3: This bill will work by requiring students to take a financial literacy course that will teach students
13 how to manage money, understand the credit system, invest and save money, pay taxes, understand
14 gratuities/tipping, and ensure financial safety.
15
16 Section 4: A financial literacy class will affect all students who are currently following the 8th-grade
17 graduational requirements. All students will be required to take this class and have a 75% percent passing
18 rate.
19
20 Section 5: A financial literacy class must be required by the schools of Kentucky. If a school fails to do so or
21 does not incorporate it into their curriculum within 120 days after the bill takes full effect, we will require
22 one of the following punishments: initiation from parents/guardians, state education authorities, or legal
23 enforcement.
24
25 Section 6: This bill will take full effect in 2 years at the start of the 2027 school year for all Public and
26 private schools in the state of Kentucky.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG42	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Zaria Cherry, Chrissy Gordon, Angel Goff	Action on the Bill	
School: Western MS for the Arts	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Mandating Youth Service Centers in All Public Schools in Kentucky**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: In Kentucky, nearly 60% of students report having at least one form of basic needs insecurity.
5 Basic needs insecurity includes not having enough of the things that are essential to our wellbeing such as
6 food, basic health care, clothing, or housing/shelter. Not having access to these basic needs negatively
7 impacts students'ability to learn, make positive friendships, and function fully in school. Beyond school, many
8 students who have needs insecurity often commit crimes and wind up in the juvenile justice system.
9 According to the KY Department of Juvenile Justice, programs and services provided by Youth Service
10 Centers prevent many young people from committing crimes and entering the juvenile justice system.
11 Including these centers in every school district in KY would prevent many young people from turning to
12 crime. Certain schools in KY have Youth Service Centers in their school buildings that remove these
13 insecurities by providing things like clothing, food, basic hygiene and health products, provide counseling
14 services, and help families find housing or other essential needs in the community. Not all schools have this
15 service for their students. This bill aims to mandate the inclusion of a Youth Service Center in all school
16 districts in the state of Kentucky. This will be staffed by a trained professional who can help students and
17 families obtain the things they need so the student can do well in school.
18
19 Section 2: This bill mandates the inclusion of youth service centers in all school districts in the state of KY.
20
21 Section 3: The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Division of Family Resource and
22 Youth Services Centers will oversee the inclusion of these centers. This is the agency that oversees existing
23 youth service centers in the state.
24
25 Section 4: These centers are already funded by both federal and state grant programs and this money is
26 provided based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. To fund the remaining
27 centers needed, 3% of the KY juvenile detention facilities'budget of 3.4 million dollars would be reallocated.
28 Based on research by a variety of sources, these youth service centers would provide needed essentials that
29 would keep many young people out of juvenile justice centers.
30
31 Section 5: This bill will be put in place on July 1, 2026


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue BG43	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Genevieve Azuatalam, JaMar Benford, JaMel Benford, Alana Ebbs	Action on the Bill	
School: Western MS for the Arts	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Providing Vegan and Vegetarian Options in Schools.**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: Few schools in Kentucky offer vegan or vegetarian options during school meals. However, many
5 students need these options due to dietary restriction and/or religious reasons. According to data collected
6 by the University of Kentucky, nearly 5 million people in Kentucky are vegetarian or vegan. In this same
7 study, research suggests that a vegetarian or vegan diet offsets health problems such as diabetes, heart
8 disease, obesity, and certain cancers. Despite this, vegetarian and vegan options are not routinely offered to
9 Kentucky’s children. Students might end up being hungry because some of them may not be able to bring
10 meals from home to accommodate their diet. Furthermore, students who would choose healthier vegetarian
11 or vegan meals cannot because those options are not available. No student will be forced to choose
12 vegetarian options–traditional school meals will still be available. This bill simply mandates the
13 inclusion of vegetarian or vegan meals as an option for students to consider for health or religious reasons.
14 This bill encourages school districts to work with local farms to supply the vegetables and ingredients for the
15 vegetarian and vegan meals.
16
17 Section 2: This bill proposes to mandate the inclusion of vegetarian and vegan options as additional choices
18 in schools across the state. This bill encourages–but does not mandate–the local sourcing of
19 vegetables and other ingredients which will support local farms.
20
21 Section 3: This bill will be overseen by the Kentucky Department of Education Division of School and
22 Community Nutrition. This division already manages school nutrition and already conducts routine
23 inspections of school nutrition programs and facilities in schools across the state.
24
25 Section 4: No additional funding is necessary for this bill. Costs will be covered in the same manner school
26 meals are currently covered. However, this bill encourages the exploration of numerous grants provided
27 through the USDA such as Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program or the Partnerships for Local
28 Agriculture and Nutrition Transformation in Schools to support any additional costs associated with
29 purchasing local produce.
30
31 Section 5: This bill will be enacted at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.




COMMONWEALTH BILLS


**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW1	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Luke Ashley, Maci Harley, Alaric Martin, Adelynn Martin	Action on the Bill	
School: Bondurant MS	House	Senate
City: Frankfort	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Reducing assault rates in the Commonwealth of Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1.
5 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 508 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6 (1) The Commonwealth shall implement a community violence prevention initiative aimed at reducing rates
7 of assault through education, awareness, and deterrence.
8 (2) The initiative shall include:
9 (a) Public awareness campaigns about the consequences of assault and personal safety;
10 (b) Collaboration between law enforcement, schools, and community organizations to promote
11 conflict resolution education;and
12 (c) An increase in mandatory sentencing guidelines for repeat assault offenders by no less than one
13 (1) classification level.
14
15 Section 2.
16 The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall oversee this initiative and publish an annual report
17 detailing the change in reported assault rates statewide.
18
19 Section 3.
20 There is appropriated to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet from the General Fund the sum of two million
21 dollars (\$2,000,000) in fiscal year 2025–2026 to fund public education materials, community
22 outreach programs, and data reporting related to this initiative.
23
24 Section 4.
25 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW2	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Brooke Hertel, Charli Moreland, Karsen Mudd	Action on the Bill	
School: Breckinridge Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Harned	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Requiring Provisions For a Text 911 Initiative in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: KRS 65.760 is amended to read as follows: "Each local government in Kentucky shall establish and
5 maintain 911 emergency service and Text-to-911 capabilities. Local governments shall adopt ordinances
6 regulating the provision of these emergency communication services, ensuring that they are accessible,
7 transparent, and clearly communicated to all residents."
8
9 Section 2: Currently, only twenty-seven percent of Kentucky counties provide Text-to-911, leaving most
10 residents reliant on voice calls. Approximately 700,000 Kentuckians have hearing or speech impairments,
11 creating a critical need for text-based emergency communications. Emergencies such as strokes, medical
12 crises, or situations where speaking is unsafe make Text-to-911 a vital option. In 2022, Kentucky received
13 roughly 3 million 911 calls, with 5-10% being silent or hang-up calls. Additionally, twenty-nine states and
14 the District of Columbia have successfully implemented statewide Text-to-911 services, demonstrating their
15 effectiveness and reliability of such programs.
16
17 Section 3: Funding for the Text 911 initiative shall be provided through state budget allocations
18 administered by the Kentucky Department of Public Safety.
19
20 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Public Safety shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of
21 this act, including providing guidance to local governments and reviewing reports on the availability of Text-
22 to-911 services.
23
24 Section 5: If a local government fails to comply with the provisions of this Act, the Kentucky Department of
25 Public Safety shall issue a notice of noncompliance, requiring remedial action. Continued noncompliance may
26 result in additional measures as deemed appropriate by the Department, including withholding applicable
27 state funding until compliance is achieved.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW4							
	Referred to Committee: House							
Sponsors: Keagan Smith	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>		House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Crosby MS								
City: Middletown								

1 **An Act Relating To the Requirement of Automated License Plate Readers at all Traffic Lights**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: This act will require automated license plate readers (ALPRs) to be placed in all areas with traffic
5 lights. This will not only detect when a car runs a red light and have them receive a ticket, but also be able to
6 find missing cars, see if a car is associated with crimes, and help locate missing people.
7
8 Section 2: The automated license plate readers will be stationary, not placed on a moving vehicle, but on a
9 street pole where traffic lights are hung from. Cars moving in all directions will be able to have their license
10 plate read by having ALPRs positioned on each side of an intersection.
11
12 Section 3: Any license plate associated with a crime or person caught violating traffic laws will be sent a
13 letter about what fee they must pay, a court date they must attend, or any other information they must be
14 given based on what misdemeanor or felony they have committed.
15
16 Section 4: This will be paid for in many different ways, one of which is by the help of federal agencies
17 including the ‘Drug Enforcement Administration’ and ‘Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and
18 Explosives’.
19
20 Section: This act will go into effect on January 1st, 2026. The ALPR’s will have one year to be placed and set
21 up everywhere.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW6	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Kynsleigh Barnett, Ella Nonweiler, Lily Murphy, Emma Tanner	Action on the Bill	
School: Daviess Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Owensboro	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To The Hiring Of Full Time Mental Health Care Providers In Kentucky Public Schools
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Mental Health Care in the state of Kentucky is becoming a much more important need than ever before. A
5 2022 survey found that 44% of children in Kentucky had experienced at least one Adverse Childhood
6 Experience (ACE), and nearly one in four experienced two or more. These ACEs include events like abuse,
7 neglect, parental divorce, economic hardship, or a parent's incarceration. Alarminglly, only 51% of Kentucky
8 children who have experienced an ACE are reported as engaged in school and completing all required
9 homework.
10
11 This bill requires all Kentucky public school districts to provide one full-time mental health care provider for
12 each middle and high school. This role will not be that of traditional roles usually found in schools as listed
13 below:
14 - Guidance Counselors are certified professionals trained to support all students' social-emotional, academic,
15 and career development through comprehensive programs. They provide universal and targeted support,
16 which can include mental health services, but they usually have more tasks that they are responsible for
17 besides caring for student mental health needs. Over the years, this position has turned into more of an
18 administrative role than one focusing on mental health.
19 - School social workers help students and families by addressing barriers to learning and providing support
20 for social skills, social-emotional learning, and basic needs. They, too, are not fully equipped to help student
21 mental health
22 - School Psychologists focus on providing tailored services and support, often working with students with
23 identified disabilities to help them reach their full potential. Staff in this role typically serve throughout the
24 entire district and not one school, and again, do not specialize in treating mental health.
25
26 The cost for this plan will be different for each district, as each district sets its own pay scale for the
27 positions it hires. Hiring a mental health professional for each secondary school will not burden school
28 districts, as it will be nearly equivelent to the hiring of one new teacher.
29
30 Having an on-site mental health care provider has the opportunity to drastically aid the students who
31 struggle with mental health and who would otherwise never receive help or treatment.
32
33 This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW7	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lydia Nelson, Whitley Rice, Brooklyn Flikkema	Action on the Bill	
School: Drakes Creek MS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Women's Sanitary Care Products in Restrooms**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


- 3
- 4 Section 1: Periods are something that a majority of girls and women have, yet they are commonly looked
5 down upon, or are something girls feel uncomfortable about. Not only this, but a large amount of girls miss
6 class in order to find the proper sanitary products needed, or can not afford or have any at all. This not only
7 creates a biohazard, but a stigma around girls who get their periods.
8
- 9 Section 2: As a part of the sixth grade curriculum, both boys and girls will have a short educational meeting
10 about what a period is, in order to normalize it. Parents can opt out of this presentation, though it is not
11 recommended. There will also be a more in-depth discussion for girls, so they know what they need to do to
12 keep themselves to be sanitary and healthy.
13
- 14 Section 3: The funding for this bill will be coming from the excess funding in the state, which is allocated
15 without a specific place to go, also known as a rainy day fund, it has about one-hundred-thirty-two million
16 dollars yearly. Each school will need roughly \$750-600 yearly.
17
- 18 Section 4: This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW8	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Macey Everman, Joel Hackney, David Adams	Action on the Bill	
School: East Carter Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Grayson	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Support Programs for Young Parents and Parents Struggling With Addiction
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall establish a Parent Support and Recovery Assistance
5 Program under the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
6
7 Section 2: The Programs shall provide:
8 - Support groups for young parents and parents recovering/suffering from addiction
9 - Parenting and life skills education including finance, nutrition, and child development
10 - Job Readiness and employment assistance
11 - Childcare services to allow parents to participate in program activities, training or employment.
12
13 Section 3: Participation shall be voluntary or mandated by child and family courts. Eligibility are parents
14 under the age of 25 or currently enrolled in a recovery program.
15
16 Section 4: Funding will be provided by state and federal grants for public health, addiction recovery, and
17 family support initiatives, nonprofits, donor contributions, and relocation of existing funds within the
18 Kentucky Health and Human Services budget to prioritize family stabilization programs.
19
20 Section 5: This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026, with pilot programs beginning in select counties before
21 statewide expansion by 2028.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW11	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Claire Burt, Adamy Bryan, Raylee Riggs, Destiny Martin	Action on the Bill	
School: Echo Trail Middle School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Installing Vape Detectors in Public School Restrooms**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 **BE ENACTED BY THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**
5
6 This bill strives to implement vape detectors in all public school bathrooms in the state of Kentucky. Many
7 health issues occur in students that vape. Not only are vapes terrible for your health, they can easily become
8 a hard addiction which can be carried with you for the rest of your life. They can be addicting which can
9 cause an inefficiency in brain development.
10
11 If passed, this bill will help decrease the rate of teen vape users or end instances of in-school smoking. This
12 could also put a slight change to the amount of students skipping class to vape.
13
14 This bill would be funded by the settlement from the Juul company as Kentucky received 14 million dollars in
15 settlement funds from Juul for marketing towards the youth.
16
17 If schools refuse the implementation of vape detectors, they will be fined for not abiding by state law and
18 could potentially lose state funding.
19
20 This bill will go into effect in August of 2026 or 2027.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW12	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Meredith Baldwin, Trinity Clemons, Sophia Hardin, Story Schultz	Action on the Bill	
School: Grayson Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Leitchfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To The Exemption of Tax on Non-Prescribed Over-the-Counter Medication in Kentucky.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3
4 Section 1: This bill will repeal the sales tax of 6% on over the counter medication in Kentucky. Examples of
5 non prescription medication may include, but not be limited to, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, and allergy medication.


6
7 Section 2: The current population of Kentucky is 4.588 million, with an estimated 4.5 million Kentuckians
8 using over the counter medications.

9
10 Section 3: KRS 139.472 currently states, "An over the counter drug purchased for the treatment of a human
11 being for which a prescription is issued," is the only way an over the counter drug will be tax exempt. This
12 requires a prescription for common medications for the medications to not be taxed.

13
14 Section 4: KRS 139.472 is amended to read as follows: Insert (1)(j) to read, "Non prescribed over the counter
15 medication, along with prescribed over the counter medication, are exempt from tax;non prescribed over the
16 counter medication includes but is not limited to Ibuprofen, allergy medication, aspirin, and acetaminophin.

17
18 Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

19
20 Section 6: This bill shall take effect July 1, 2026 due to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW13	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Cager Jeffries, Karsen Willoughby, lyra bagby	Action on the Bill	
School: Green Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Greensburg	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To expanding and standardizing Kentucky’s cell phone policy for public school students.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3
4 Section 1:
5 All Kentucky public schools shall implement a statewide cell phone policy restricting the use of personal
6 electronic devices during instructional time, except when authorized by a teacher for educational purposes
7 or in emergencies.

8
9 Section 2:
10 Students may use personal cell phones responsibly during non-instructional periods such as lunch, class
11 transitions, and designated breaks, provided the use does not cause disruption or violate school rules.


12
13 Section 3:
14 Each school district must provide secure storage or collection systems for students’ devices during
15 instructional hours (e.g., classroom phone caddies, lockboxes, or designated storage areas).

16
17 Section 4:
18 Exceptions to this policy shall be made for:
19 - Students with medical needs require electronic monitoring or communication devices.
20 - Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) that require technology access.
21 - Teachers incorporate approved academic use of devices.


22
23 Section 5:
24 School administrators shall develop disciplinary guidelines for violations, emphasizing progressive discipline,
25 restorative practices, and parent communication.

26
27 Section 6:
28 The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall oversee implementation, provide guidance for districts,
29 and issue an annual review report on the policy’s effectiveness.


30
31 Section 7:
32 This act shall take effect at the beginning of the 2026–2027 academic year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW15	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Georgi Barton, Mary Lee Duthie, Libby Fuchs, Mack Lavelle	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Spirit ES		
City: Louisville		
	House	Senate
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To the CPR certification and training of all teachers.**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: The objective of this act is to better the safety of students in school, by requiring teachers,
5 substitute or long standing, to be prepared in case a minor or adult requires CPR, in the event of cardiac
6 arrest.
7
8 Section 2: This act requires anyone, who wishes to become or is currently a kindergarten through 12th grade
9 educator or substitute in the state of Kentucky, to take and pass a CPR certification class to gain the
10 eligibility to teach.
11
12 Section 3: The cost of the class is fifty dollars for introduction and each renewal. This cost will be paid by the
13 tax of Kentucky or funding from the board of education.
14
15 Section 4: The refusal to comply with the requirements will result in the losing the ability to renew that
16 specific teacher’s license until that teacher has complied with the requirements. Once that specific teacher
17 has completed their certification they will then be able to renew their teachers license.
18
19 Section 5: The liability concerns will be protected under the Good Samaritan Laws, which states that you are
20 not required to act if a person is injured, but if you do and can’t save the person you are protected from
21 liability if something goes wrong. However, it does not apply if you act recklessly, and if you do, you will be
22 liable for worsening the person’s injury. This law applies to teachers in the event of a minor requiring the act
23 of CPR, and in case the teacher implements other minor damages, such as cracked ribs, while performing
24 CPR.
25
26 Section 6: This bill will be implemented in the 2027-2028 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW16	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Cate Egger, Hastings Mick, Alex Renda, Nathan Richter	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Trinity Catholic School - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 **An Act Relating To Banning High Fructose Corn Syrup in Public School Lunches**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 **SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Public Schools to**
- 5 **purchase foods that do not include High Fructose Corn Syrup to serve in lunches.**
- 6
- 7 **SECTION 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.**
- 8
- 9 **SECTION 3. The Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Department of Agriculture will implement**
- 10 **this bill.**
- 11
- 12 **SECTION 4. This bill will be paid for by the lunch budget school already has, as well increasing the cost of**
- 13 **school lunches.**
- 14
- 15 **SECTION 5. This Act takes effect August 1, 2026.**

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW17	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jaxon Vincent, Sam Okunmuyide	Action on the Bill	
School: James Madison MS	House	Senate
City: Madisonville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To amending KRS 158.1411 to include Middle School Students
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section:1 Making a financial literacy class in middle school would be mandatory to help students learn basic
5 economic ideas before arriving in high school. This would be mandatory for middle schoolers, as it is with
6 high school, and will become a part of the core class system.
7
8 Section 2: To fund this, we will be reallocating the existing funds because the Kentucky Department of
9 Education already funds career readiness programs.
10
11 Section 3: This is to ensure that all Kentucky students receive financial literacy education, beginning in
12 middle school, in order to prepare them for the future and to inform their financial-decision making. School
13 districts who do not abide by this bill will be fined \$500 every school year. After two years of paying the
14 fines, they will be fined \$1000 on the third school year, and lose all State funding if the school does not
15 implement the class.
16
17 Section 4: This Act should take effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW18	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Easton Phillips, Kipten Wood, Carson Fowler	Action on the Bill	
School: James Madison MS	House	Senate
City: Madisonville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To mandating Career and Technical Education classes for all public middle and high school
2 students

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


4
5 Section 1: This bill requires the placement of a CTE/CTC/CTL class in every public middle and high school in
6 the state of Kentucky.

7
8 Section 2: Our bill will get the youth involved into the job market for their future selves. Most 13-17 year
9 olds are currently undecided on their future plans.

10
11 Section 3: The standard curriculum for this class includes the following jobs. Nail tech, car mechanic, farming,
12 sports medicine, athletic training, Veterinarian, dentistry, nursing, engineering, ECO, computer game design,
13 and a few more classes. These opportunities are chosen by the students and districts.

14
15 Section 4: The Kentucky state government will fund this class using SEEK funding. Schools falling to
16 implement this class will undergo a 3 strike system. With strike 1 and 2 being a fine of up to \$1000. With
17 strike three, the school will lose funding

18
19 Section 5: The bill will be enacted in the 2027-2028 school year

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW19	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Cooper Crawford, Emelina Aguirre, Emery Rhea, Bailey Travelstead	Action on the Bill	
School: Livingston Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Burna	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To establish a government fund to support farmers in the event of rapid disease outbreaks.

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

3

4 SECTION 1

5


6 (1)A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 257 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (2)The Kentucky Department
7 of Agriculture shall establish and maintain a fund to be known as the Rapid Agricultural Disease Response
8 Fund.(3)The purpose of the fund shall be to provide financial assistance to farmers in the event of a rapid
9 disease outbreak that significantly impacts agricultural production or farmers livelihoods.(4)The fund shall be
10 used exclusively for mitigation, recovery, and prevention measures related to such disease outbreaks, as
11 determined necessary by the department.

12


13 Section 2 (1)The Kentucky Department of Agriculture shall allocate one million dollars (\$1,000,000) annually
14 to the Rapid Agricultural Disease Response Fund.(2)The annual allocation shall be made from the
15 department’s budget or other appropriations designated by the General Assembly for this purpose.(3)Any
16 unexpended or unencumbered funds remaining at the close of a fiscal year shall not lapse but shall be carried
17 forward to the next fiscal year.

18


19 Section 3 (1) This shall take effect 90 days after the bill is brought into law.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW20						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Braelyn Spradlin, Jazmyn Thompson, Jordan Gibbons, Preston Ward	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated						
School: Louisa MS							
City: Louisa							


1 **An Act Relating To Maternity and Paternity Leave for State Employees**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: This Act establishes a 12-week paid maternity and paternity leave for all state employees in
5 Kentucky. The purpose of this Act is to provide financial support to new parents, promote family bonding,
6 and improve overall well-being for families during the early stages of parenthood.
7
8 Section 2: Maternity and Paternity Leave: all state employees in Kentucky are entitled to 12 weeks of paid
9 leave for the birth or adoption of a child. Adoption Leave: The 12-week paid leave also applies to employees
10 who adopt a child, ensuring equal support for all new parents, regardless of whether the child is born or
11 adopted.
12
13 Section 3: The Kentucky state government will allocate funds for this program. These funds will be covered
14 through state tax revenue and federal grants, ensuring the financial sustainability of the program.
15
16 Section 4: Providing paid maternity and paternity leave will: support family bonding during the critical early
17 months of a child's life, allows for physical recovery after childbirth, helps alleviate postpartum depression
18 and improve mental health, and encourage gender inclusivity by allowing both parents to take leave
19
20 Section 5: This Act will be implemented beginning July 1, 2026, with the necessary state funding allocated to
21 support the paid leave program for all eligible state employees.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW21	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Callie Ferguson, Konnor Knott, Aspen Piercy, Olivia Poague	Action on the Bill	
School: Lyon Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Eddyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: Beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, all public schools in the Commonwealth of
5 Kentucky with an enrollment of more than five hundred (500) students shall be required to employ at least
6 one (1) full-time mental health professional.
7
8 Section 2: For the purposes of this section, a mental health professional shall be defined as an individual who
9 is licensed or certified in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to provide mental health services, including but not
10 limited to: licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs), licensed professional counselors (LPCs), licensed
11 psychologists, or other equivalent mental health practitioners recognized by the Kentucky Board of
12 Licensure.
13
14 Section 3: The sole responsibility of the mental health professional shall be to provide mental health services
15 to students. This includes individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, mental health education, and
16 coordination with families and community mental health resources. The mental health professional shall not
17 be assigned duties unrelated to student mental health services.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW22	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Breanna Morris, Ella Kate Smith, Warren Webb, Tate Hays	Action on the Bill	
School: Marnel C. Moorman	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 An Act Relating To Diminishing Racial Discrimination In The Criminal Justice System
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Recognizing that injustices occur in the criminal justice system in Kentucky frequently, resulting in unjust
- 5 sentencing that are racially motivated.
- 6
- 7 Recognizing that African-American individuals are 9.4 times more likely to be arrested for possession of
- 8 illegal substances than other races, despite similar usage.
- 9
- 10 Recognizing that African-American children make up 11% of Kentucky's population but constitute over 20%
- 11 of those in the juvenile justice system.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW23	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Emory Sellars, Dinorah Tejada, Lana Cypert, Bailey Poe	Action on the Bill	
School: Marnel C. Moorman	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Improving School Safety In Kentucky Public Schools
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Recognizing that the frequency of school shootings increase each year.
5
6 Futher recognizing that efforts to increase school safety are increasing each year through different
7 measures.
8
9 Claiming that the use of panic rooms in public schools can increase the safety of students by decreasing the
10 fatality rate significantly.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW24	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: June Marchal, Tessa Collins, Caroline Chappell, Ada Oakley	Action on the Bill	
School: Marnel C. Moorman	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Raising The Pay For Support Staff In Public Schools
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Identifying that support staff positions in public schools are considered paraeducators, bus drivers, cafeteria
5 workers, custodians and more.
6
7 Recognizing that there are around 46,000 support staff working in Kentucky schools.
8
9 Revealing that there are currently around 1,500 open (unfilled) support staff positions in Kentucky public
10 schools.
11
12 Recognizing the importance of raising pay for support staff in Kentucky public schools, includes but is not
13 limited to, improving retention, reduce shortages and strengthen school communities across the
14 Commonwealth of Kentucky.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW25	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Adaobi Obiokoye, Alisha Philips, Lily Kulow, Hannah Lee	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham MS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

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

3
4 Section 1: This act repeals the 25KRS Senate Bill 19, 1-2 minutes of silence required of public schools after
5 the Pledge of Allegiance to protect children from minority groups.

6
7 (25KRS Senate Bill 19 is an act requiring 1-2 minutes of silence for "silence and reflection" in Kentucky
8 public schools, permits students to meditate, reflect, or pray.)

9
10 Section 2: Although framed as a moment for personal reflection, this bill raises serious concerns about
11 violating the fundamental separation of church and state. Without a clear educational purpose, it effectively
12 endorses religious practices in a public school setting, as shown in the original version of KRS 158.175
13 introduced to the KY General Assembly, in which it states, "...the board of education of a local school district
14 may authorize the recitation of the traditional Lord's prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag in public
15 elementary schools…"and was later amended to "...require moments of silence or reflection at the start
16 of each school day…"[official Summary of Enacted Version]

17
18 Additionally, it may impact students who do not identify with any religion by making them feel alienated or
19 pressured to conform. To protect the rights and dignity of all students, this bill will repeal this law to uphold
20 inclusive and secular learning environments where every child feels safe and respected.


21
22 Lastly, this time of silence is unnecessary and a waste of school time that could be used for learning. Every
23 moment of a child's education matters.

24
25 Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: 158.6458 - Plan for implementation and state assessment
26 and accountability


27
28 Section 4: Kentucky General Assembly and Kentucky Board of Education will be in charge of executing this
29 bill, and will not require funding.

30
31 Section 5: Failure to comply will result in consequences left to the discretion of the administration of that
32 school.

33
34 Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW29	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Blair Derenge, Gabby Hansen, Harper Feldkamp	Action on the Bill	
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES		
City: Louisville		
	House	Senate
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Creating a Blue Ribbon School Award in Kentucky**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: The Kentucky State Blue Ribbon Award will bring exceptional Kentucky schools to public attention
5 and recognize those schools whose students thrived and excelled. Both public and private schools will be
6 eligible to apply for this award. This award was formerly granted at the federal level by the United States
7 Department of Education, but it was discontinued in late 2025. The decision was to move the responsibility
8 of recognizing academic excellence to the states.
9
10 Section 2: In order to be eligible to apply, the school must have high achievement in reading/ELA and
11 mathematics. A school may also be eligible to apply if they have made progress in closing academic
12 achievement gaps. Schools must also display a well-rounded curriculum which includes the study of Kentucky
13 history. A high school may also qualify if it has a graduation in the top 15% in the state.
14
15 Section 3: Data will come from state-approved achievement tests, graduation rates, and other information
16 listed in the school's application.
17
18 Section 4: The winning school will receive a plaque and flag from the state to display and will get their
19 school's name publicized on a variety of media. A prize of \$10,000 will also be awarded from the Kentucky
20 Department of Education to be used for important educational programs in the school. The prize will be
21 funded by the Kentucky Lottery.
22
23 Section 5: After a school has received the award, they can be eligible to apply again in five years.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW30	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jillian Pearl Hicks, Jason Bogart , Brooks Barnhill	Action on the Bill	
School: Red Oaks Forest MS	House	Senate
City:	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating to Banning the Use of Neonicotinoids Within 100 Feet of Any Wildlife Habitat
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3
4
5 SECTION 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

6
7 a.) It is hereby enacted that it is unlawful for any persons or facilities to spray or otherwise use
8 neonicotinoids within one hundred feet (100 ft) of any body of water.

9
10 b.)It is hereby enacted that it is unlawful for any persons or facilities to spray or otherwise use
11 neonicotinoids within one hundred feet (100 ft) of protected wildlife habitats.


12
13 SECTION 2: First and second offence will carry a fine of no less than seven hundred dollars (\$700) and no
14 more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Any following offence will be no less than fourteen
15 hundred dollars (\$1,400) and no more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.) As decided by a judge
16 in a court of law.

17
18 SECTION 3: For the purposes of this Act, “neonicotinoids”, “body of water”, and “protected wildlife habitat”,
19 shall be defined as

20
21 Neonicotinoids: a class of neuroactive insecticides modeled after nicotine.

22
23 Body of water: any significant accumulation of water, typically covering a large area, (such as rivers, lakes,
24 ponds, streams, wetlands, and reservoirs).

25
26 Protected wildlife habitat: any area designated as a wildlife refuge, conservation easement, nature preserve,
27 or state/federal park.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW31	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Landon York, Audrey Coning, Charlotte Jarboe	Action on the Bill	
School: Redwood Middle School	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Communication Between School Professionals and Students**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3

4 Section 1. The following KRS section is repealed: 160.145 - Designated traceable communication system as
5 exclusive electronic communications method -- Parental authorization for exceptions –Report of
6 unauthorized electronic communication -- Disciplinary penalties –Notification and investigation of
7 report.
8

9 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 161.120 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Grooming is defined
10 as: The action of attempting to form a relationship with a child or young person, with the intention of
11 sexually assaulting them or encouraging them to commit an illegal act, such as selling drugs or joining a
12 terrorist organization. (2)Grooming will be subject to the disciplinary actions outlined in KRS 161.120.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Red CW32	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Lyla Tipton, Lily Lowery, Katelyn Curtsinger	Action on the Bill	
School: Seton Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Establishing the Kentucky Transition Success Program for Foster Children
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

3
4 Section 1: Over half of the Kentucky children in foster care will age out of the program, leaving them with
5 little to no support system to navigate the challenges of the world as an adult. Almost half of those children
6 will report that they cannot find a stable job, only 16% will pursue post-secondary education, and 1 in 3 of
7 them will report that they experience housing insecurity after leaving foster care.


8
9 Section 2: This bill will establish the Kentucky Transition Success Program and will require it to be utilized in
10 every public school in Kentucky. The program is designed to support students in foster care who will age out
11 of the program. They will begin the program their Junior year and they will have the option to stay on board
12 until they are 21 years old. School counselors will oversee and implement the program with students who
13 are on their assigned caseload and also part of the foster care program. It will guide them during the
14 transition to young adulthood to promote independence and success even after they turn 18 and graduate.
15 It will teach them skills such as how to manage their personal finances, rent a home, set up a bank account,
16 apply for college and financial aid, and other necessary life skills they might not otherwise learn. While some
17 schools might already teach these life skills, this program is aimed to offer additional support to those in the
18 foster care system who are less likely to have a dedicated adult to help them take what they learn in school
19 and apply it to their lives. All counselors in Kentucky will teach the same curriculum at the same time of year
20 so that if a student has to transfer schools, they can pick right back up where they left off.

21
22 Section 3: The initial cost of the program will be \$300 per participant. The cost will vary by year, but will be
23 funded by the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program, which are federal funds administered by the Department
24 for Community Based Services (DCBS). It will also have financial support from the budgets of the DCBS
25 Transitional Services Branch along with the Kentucky Department of Education.


26
27 Section 4: The procedures already established for schools to report for public accountability will apply. The
28 consequences for public schools failing to follow other laws will also apply. Consequences would include
29 warnings, fines, of even an eventual reduction of state funding, depending on the frequency and severity of
30 infractions.

31
32 Section 5 : This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.


33
34 Section 6 : This bill will go into effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Red CW33						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Savannah Nieman, Gianna Wigginton, Hadley Fetko, Deeyaa Vasandani	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated						
School: Seton Catholic School							
City: Lexington							


1 **An Act Relating To Overuse of Disposable Plastic Utensils in Public School Cafeterias**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: This bill will require all public schools in the state of Kentucky to use reusable or biodegradable
5 utensils in their cafeterias.
6
7 Section 2: This bill will be enforced by the local health department. During the two normal inspections in a
8 year, the health department will also check the cutlery to assure that it is biodegradable or reusable. If the
9 cutlery is reusable, the health department will check if they are being stored in a sanitary way and cleaned
10 properly.
11
12 Section 3: Plastic cutlery is cheap, but biodegradable cutlery is just as inexpensive. Most plastic cutlery is
13 only a fraction of a cent (0.03 cent) less than biodegradable cutlery, but they are mainly the same price
14 averaging 20-43 cents. The money will come from the public school’s Support Education Excellence in
15 Kentucky (SEEK) funding, which comes from taxes.
16
17 Section 4: If schools do not have biodegradable or reusable utensils, they will get a health code violation for
18 improper storage and handling meaning they do not have proper silverware.
19
20 Failure to have the proper cutlery during a health inspection will result in a fine determined by the Kentucky
21 Board of Education and based on the number of students enrolled at the school .
22
23 Section 5: This bill will be enacted for the 2026-2027 school year in order to give schools time to purchase
24 the appropriate utensils.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW34	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Curtis Gentry, Brady Floyd, Braden Marcum	Action on the Bill	
School: Shelby Co. East MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To An Act relating to: The codes of which all Kentucky public schools will use in case of an
2 emergency
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
4
5 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: School districts in the
6 Commonwealth of Kentucky will have the same communication systems for emergencies.
7
8 Section 2: Lockdown definitions is as follows:
9
10 Hard Lockdown: A lockdown means protecting building occupants anytime there is an intimate danger inside
11 or within close proximity to a building.
12
13 Soft Lockdown: A “soft lockdown” occurs after law enforcement has called a lockdown, and it has been
14 determined that controlled movement within the building is acceptable.
15
16 Reverse Evacuation: A reverse lockdown means conditions are safer inside the building than outside.
17
18 Stay in Place: When a medical or other situation requires students to remain in a classroom, they do not
19 leave until authorized by the administration.
20
21 High alert: A high alert means that if there is a potentially dangerous incident in the neighborhood then
22 students and schools
23
24 Section 3: A stay in place is there is something in the building that needs people to stay where they are. A
25 high alert is where class continues, but students or staff cannot exit the building. A soft lockdown is when
26 there is a dangerous incident in the neighborhood and no one can go outside.
27
28 Section 4: To be enacted by the 2026–2027 school year.
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30 Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Blue CW35	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Aiden Robinson-Orr, Gauge Day, Weston Smith, Paislie Williams	Action on the Bill	
School: South Hopkins MS	House	Senate
City: Nortonville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Increasing Funding for Public Education to Support Hands-On Learning Activities
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to give Kentucky students more opportunities for hands-on and future-
5 ready learning. By increasing funding for interactive programs like STEM, robotics, art, and career-based
6 projects, students will gain real-world skills that prepare them for college, careers, and everyday life.
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8 Section 2: For this bill, Public Education means state-funded schools that are free to all students. Hands-On
9 Learning includes activities where students actively participate through experiments, building, creating, or
10 problem-solving. Future-Ready Skills are abilities such as critical thinking, teamwork, and technology use that
11 prepare students for future success.
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13 Section 3: The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall increase the state education budget to support hands-on
14 and future-ready learning in public schools. Funding will be increased by \$250 per student in the
15 Commonwealth. Funding may be used to purchase materials, support STEM and art programs, upgrade
16 technology, and train teachers to lead innovative lessons.
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18 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall oversee this program to ensure funds are used
19 appropriately. Schools must report how they use the money and describe the hands-on programs supported
20 by the funding.
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22 Section 5: This Act will be funded through an increase in the state education budget. No new taxes will be
23 required.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW36	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Abby Stinnett, Miles Dones, Cooper Novak, Ellen Oeswein	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Agnes School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Exempting the Commonwealth of Kentucky from the Observance of Daylight Savings Time
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:
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6 {1} The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be exempt from the time provision known as Daylight Savings
7 Time.
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9 {2} The Commonwealth of Kentucky and its political subdivisions shall at all times observe the standard time
10 of the United States of America.
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12 {3} This section shall not affect the standard time established by United States law governing the
13 movements of common carriers engaged in interstate commerce or the time for performance of an act by an
14 officer or department of The United States of America.
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16 {4} Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary by the United States relating to adoption of
17 daylight saving time by all the states, the Commonwealth elects to reject such time and elects to continue in
18 force the terms of Section 1, relating to standard time in Kentucky.
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20 SECTION 2. The Purpose of this law is to improve public health, public safety, better circadian alignment,
21 elimination of twice a year disruptions, and improve mental health which are caused by daylight savings time.
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23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect Sunday March 8th, 2026 at 2:00 AM, at which time clocks will be moved to
24 3:00 AM and thereafter remain on standard time.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	Blue CW40						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Payton Griffey-Kirkman, Kannon Hurt, Marley Jn Baptiste, Kaylee Walker	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: Sts. Peter and Paul ES - Hopkinsville							
City: Hopkinsville							

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An Act Relating To Requirements for School Safety
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. KRS 158.162 is amended to read as follows: Amend (5)(a) 1. to read as follows, "One (1) severe weather drill, one (1) earthquake drill, and one (1) lockdown drill within the first thirty (30) instructional days of each school year and again during the month of January. A lockdown drill must be performed at least once a month occurring at different times throughout the day."

Section 2. This act will take effect at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.

