




BLUEGRASS BILLS

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG2	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jacob Smith, Evelynn Smith, Jentzen Thompson	Action on the Bill	
School: Bardstown MS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To Student Wellness and Recovery Time

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

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Section 1: All middle and high school students in Kentucky shall be provided with 15–20 minutes of designated break time each school day. This time is intended to support student concentration, reduce anxiety and stress, allow time for completing missing work, and address other academic or emotional needs. Providing this time has the potential to improve students’grades, behavior, and overall mental health.


Section 2: This designated break time should remain uninterrupted unless an emergency or urgent matter arises. Unnecessary interruptions may impact students’ability to focus, reset, or address their academic and mental health needs. While teachers may use this time to complete grading or planning tasks, at least one staff member must supervise students to ensure a safe and productive environment.

Section 3: This bill will affect schools, students, parents, and school staff. Students will benefit from reduced stress and increased time to complete assignments. Parents may see improved well-being and academic progress in their children, as well as more quality time at home. Staff members may use this time for preparation or grading while still maintaining appropriate supervision.


Section 4: This bill will not require additional funding. The only requirement is the allocation of 15–20 minutes within the existing school day.

Section 5: If a school fails to provide this required break time, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) may withhold a portion of that school’s state funding as a consequence.

Section 6: A KDE-appointed representative will review student grades, attendance, and behavior annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the break period and its impact on student well-being.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG3	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Annaya Anand, Ella Featherstone, Sarah Graff, Sarah Saulton	Action on the Bill	
School: Bluegrass MS	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the elimination of styrofoam in public school cafeterias.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Currently, styrofoam takes up to thirty percent of landfill space in the U.S. and is a major problem.
5 Polystyrene is also produced with a wide variety of chemicals, some of which are toxic. Contact between hot
6 food or heating plates can cause BPAs (Bisphenol A) and PFAS(per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), as well
7 as other chemicals and microplastics, to leak into the food of the publicly educated children in the
8 Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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10 Section 2: This bill will eliminate the use of styrofoam in public school cafeterias in Kentucky.
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12 Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education and local county school boards.
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14 Section 4: This bill will be funded through tax dollars in the form of one-time grants for which schools must
15 apply.
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17 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2027. It would give schools a one-year window to get the
18 grants, to get them approved, and to get the silverware and trays.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG4						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Georgia Pennebaker, Lydia Lee	Action on the Bill						
School: Christ the King ES - Lexington							
City: Lexington							
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1 **An Act Relating To Banning All Drivers From Holding Any Personal Communication Device While Operating a**
2 **Motorized Vehicle. This Act Shall be Known as the and May be Cited as the "Stop Accidents From Electronics**
3 **(SAFE) Act."**

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

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6 Section 1. KRS 189.292 is amended to read as follows:

7 1. As used in this section: "personal communication device" means a portable device capable of two (2) way audio or text communication that emits an audible
8 signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers communication to the possessor.

9 (a) "Personal Communication Device" includes:

- 10 i. A text-messaging device;
11 ii. A computer or laptop;
12 iii. A tablet;
13 iv. A smartphone or cellular device.

14 (b) "Use" or "uses" means:

- 15 i. Holding a personal communication device with one or both hands;
16 ii. Watching or creating videos, social media reels;
17 iii. Watching a movie or television;
18 iv. Reading text messages, social media apps, books;
19 v. Typing text messages, social media posts;
20 vi. Taking, viewing, or editing photos;
21 vii. Using an interface for a personal communication device that is built into a motor vehicle such as Apple Car Play.

22 (c) "Use" or "uses" does not include:


- 23 i. Utilizing a hands-free communication system;
24 ii. Utilizing GPS or directions;
25 iii. Voice-to-text activities;
26 iv. Selecting music or other listening options such as a book on tape with one touch or swipe;

27 1. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no person shall use a personal communication device while operating a motor vehicle that is in motion on
28 the traveled portion of a roadway. (3) Subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to:


- 29 (a) The use of a global positioning system feature of a personal communication device;
30 (b) The use of a global positioning or navigation system that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle;
31 (c) The reading, selecting, or entering of a telephone number or name in a personal communication device for the purpose of making a phone call;
32 (d) An operator of an emergency or public safety vehicle, when the use of a personal communication device is an essential function of the operator's
33 official duties; or
34 (e) The operator of a motor vehicle who makes a phone call or sends a text message on a personal communication device to:
35 i. Report illegal activity;
36 ii. Summon medical help;
37 iii. Summon a law enforcement or public safety agency; or
38 iv. Prevent injury to a person or property.

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40 (4) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement the provisions of this
41 section, including but not limited to updates or advances in the automotive and information technology industries. (5) Any person who violates the provisions of
42 KRS 189.292 shall be fined two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225) for the first offense and three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) for each subsequent offense. The
43 fines and costs for a violation of KRS 189.292 shall be collected and 50 percent (50%) shall be immediately forwarded to the School-based Mental Health
44 statute KRS 158.4418. The remaining 50 percent (50%) shall be returned to the county where the violation occurred and distributed equally to all law
45 enforcement agencies within the county.


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47 (6) This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG7	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Victoria Hayes, John Santos Santiago, Zoe Skaggs, avery vanmeter	Action on the Bill	
School: Henderson Co. North MS	House	Senate
City: Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Requiring All Kentucky Public Schools to Implement Centegix Safety Badges**
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 improve school safety across the state of Kentucky by requiring all
5 public schools to use Centegix safety badges. These badges allow teachers and staff to quickly alter
6 administrators and emergency responders during dangerous situations.
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8 Section 2: All Kentucky public schools must provide Centegix safety badges to every staff member, including
9 teachers, administrators, and support staff. Badges must be active and operational during all school hours
10 and during school sponsored activities on campus.
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12 Schools must connect the system to:
13 - Local emergency services
14 - School district safety offices
15 - Internal school security systems
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17 Each school district must create a training plan so all staff know who to use the badge properly and
18 appropriately. Training must occur:
19 - At the start of each school year
20 - For all new staff within 30 days of being hired.
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22 Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will create a School Safety Technology Fund to help
23 districts pay for:
24 - Centegix badge equipment
25 - System installation
26 - Required staff training
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28 Funds will come from:
29 - Annual state school safety allocations
30 - Technology improvement grants
31 - Optional district-level contributions if needed
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33 Section 4: KDE will check that each school district has complied with the requirements and districts not
34 meeting requirements may lose certain state funding until requirements are met.
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36 Section 5: This bill will go into effect the 2026-2027 school year, with all districts having a readiness plan
37 turned into the KDE by July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG9	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Rachel Plum, Peyton Williams, Kaitlyn Burkhart	Action on the Bill	
School: Henderson Co. South MS	House	Senate
City: Henderson	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 **An Act Relating To Providing Feminine Hygiene Products In School Restrooms**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 210 shall be created and read as follows. Menstruation products
- 5 will be provided for free in all school restrooms including tampons, menstrual pads, and sanitary wipes. These
- 6 will be provided for free in school restrooms for the girls that need them.
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- 8 Section 2: Feminine hygiene product brands who donate products to the state will be given a 100% tax
- 9 deduction of the total monetary amount that they donate, per year.
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- 11 Section 3: These products will be stored in a basic feminine hygiene product dispenser that bypass
- 12 purchasing the products, allowing the students to receive the products for no cost to them.
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- 14 Section 4: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG11	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Lyla Leavelle, Levi Shoulders, Truitt Gillham, Henry Conville	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Name ES	House	Senate
City: Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Utilities Protections During Extreme Weather Events**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Defined: Extreme weather conditions occur when the National Weather Service issues a heat
5 advisory, wind chill advisory, winter storm warning, etc.;or when local temperatures are forecast to exceed
6 95°F or fall below 32°F for the county in which the customer resides. Defined: Natural disaster is
7 any natural event such as a flood, earthquake, tornado, etc. that causes great damage and/or loss of life also
8 resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency. Defined: Utility means any provider of electricity, natural
9 gas, water, or heating fuel operating within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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11 Section 2: Access to electricity, heating, cooling, and water is not just a convenience—it is a
12 fundamental health and safety necessity, especially during extreme weather. Rising temperatures, intense
13 storms, and bitter cold each pose serious risks: heat waves can trigger heat exhaustion or heat stroke, and
14 freezing conditions can endanger vulnerable populations through hypothermia or loss of safe indoor
15 conditions. Many nearby states have already taken action: all but one of our neighboring states have
16 adopted policies to deal with extreme cold weather and 3 have policies for extreme heat. There has been a
17 30% national increase in the amount of utility shutoffs in the US. Kentucky however has seen a more
18 dramatic increase. In 2022, there was more than a 200% increase in the number of Kentuckians whose
19 power was disconnected according to data from the Energy and Policy Institute and Center for Biological
20 Diversity.
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22 Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 278 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (a) During any
23 extreme weather event or declared natural disaster, all utilities shall suspend disconnection of residential
24 service for nonpayment. (b) Utilities shall not charge late fees or penalties during the suspension period. (c)
25 Service reconnections shall be made as soon as possible for customers previously disconnected. (d) The
26 suspension of shutoffs shall remain in effect for the full duration of the extreme weather event or declared
27 disaster;and an additional 72 hours following the official end of the event or emergency declaration.
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29 Section 4: Utilities shall notify customers of this protection policy through billing statements, websites, and
30 public service announcements prior to and during extreme weather events.
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32 Section 5: The Kentucky Public Service Commission shall oversee compliance with this bill and may impose
33 fines or corrective measures for violations.
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35 Section 6: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG12	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Gracie Bartley, Abby Feldmann, Joe Colliver, Collier Harston	Action on the Bill	
School: Kammerer MS	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 Mandatory Universal Background Checks for the Purchase or Transfer of Firearms
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 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Universal
5 background checks are required for the purchase or transfer of any firearm. (2) Purchases or transfers are
6 prohibited until the background check process is completed and is returned to the seller or donee. (3) The
7 background check process includes a search of all relevant in-state criminal records, mental health records,
8 juvenile delinquency records, warrants, and protective order information. (4) Criminal history information,
9 including relevant juvenile delinquencies, warrants, and orders of protection, are reported to federal and
10 state databases of prohibited purchasers.
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12 SECTION 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG14						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Iris Schliefer-Myers, Leina Yao	Action on the Bill						
School: Louisville Collegiate MS							
City: Louisville							
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An Act Relating To ADHA diagnosis

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


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Our bill regards funding for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) diagnosis. ADHD is one of the most common mental disorders that affects children. Our bill will cover the issue of students in the state of Kentucky who don't have the opportunity or finances to get a proper diagnosis.


According to the CDC, "Parents reported whether their child was currently taking medication for ADHD or had received behavior treatment for ADHD in the past 12 months." There are roughly 379,173 students who have adhd (73% taking medications and treatments,) which means that there are about 102,000 children in KY who remain undiagnosed. This is around one-third of the population with adhd.

We have reviewed some of the costs for a reliable ADHD evaluation in other states and found that in New York, the state uses this method for diagnosis: the ATTN Center. This version of testing takes about two hours, and the fee is \$825. Our goal is to lower this cost even more. Another example of expensive testing is in California at Mind Study Center: Prices range from \$400 for a basic evaluation to \$14000 for comprehensive testing. Test results could take anywhere from weeks to months.


A possible solution to extremely expensive testing could be developing machine learning algorithms that can detect signs of adhd, giving children a pre-test screening, covered by government grants, in a more cost-effective and time-efficient manner. If these machines and companies receive funding for research and testing, the cost of diagnosis could be lowered by 1,000-500 dollars and take zero wait time, compared to waiting for a month-months. Our bill proposes gaining funding through grants such as the (NOFO) Notice of funding opportunity. We would develop machines that would learn algorithms and detect signs of adhd, determining whether students could be qualified for an evaluation.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG18						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: McKenna Kragel, Mia Wilson, Avery Fey, Juliette Pieroni	Action on the Bill						
School: Noe MS							
City: Louisville							
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1 An Act Relating To grocery stores providing near expiration food to local food banks.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1.
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6 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 253 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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8 (1) All grocery stores in Kentucky must donate food that is within ten (10) days of expiring to a local food
9 bank.
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11 (2) Grocery stores must keep basic records of the expiration dates of food they receive and when they
12 donate food to a food bank.
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14 (3) Local food banks will check these records once (1) a month to make sure grocery stores are following the
15 rules.
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17 Section 2.
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19 There is appropriated to local food banks from the General Fund the sum of \$1,200 in fiscal year 2026 for
20 the purpose of transporting donated food.
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22 Section 3.
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24 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be repealed or amended as necessary.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG19						
	Referred to Committee: House						
Sponsors: Emily Ross, Olivia Fields, Sophia Carnell	Action on the Bill						
School: Noe MS							
City: Louisville							
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1 An Act Relating To the restoration and protection of Native American burial grounds and cultural structures.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1.
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6 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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8 (1) Native American burial grounds and cultural sites in Kentucky must be protected from damage, and no
9 new buildings may be put on top of them.
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11 (2) If a site needs repairs or restoration, the Kentucky Heritage Council may work with the landowner to
12 restore it.
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14 (3) The Kentucky Heritage Council will make sure these sites are protected and that construction projects
15 follow these rules.
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17 Section 2.
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19 There is appropriated to the Kentucky Heritage Council from the General Fund the sum of \$500,000 in fiscal
20 year 2025–2026 to help protect and restore Native American sites.
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22 Section 3.
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24 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be repealed or amended as necessary.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG22	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Anvit Bansal, Margaret Boarman, Lane Huber, Philip Savage	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School MS	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 Banning Smoking and Vaping in a Motor Vehicle with a Minor**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 189 is created to read as follows: This bill will make it illegal to
5 smoke a cigarette and/or use a vapor product (“vaping”) in a motor vehicle with a minor present.
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7 Section 2: Definitions
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9 For the purpose of this bill, these terms have the following meanings.
10 - MINOR means any person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) as described in KRS 387.010 to
11 387.280
12 - SMOKING means the inhaling, exhaling, carrying of any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, hookah, pipe,
13 plant, or any other lightened or heated tobacco product or other materials instead for inhalation in any
14 matter or any form
15 - MOTOR VEHICLE means a vehicle propelled by an engine transporting passengers. For a more detailed
16 definition, refer to KRS 189.752 to 189.753
17 - VAPOR PRODUCT means an electronic device that releases vaporized nicotine to the user. For a more
18 detailed definition, refer to KRS 138.130 to 138.205
19 - CIGARETTES means any roll for smoking, or any other substance, irrespective of size or shape, and whether
20 or not the tobacco or substance has flavor. For a more detailed definition, refer to KRS 227.770 to 227.784
21
22 Section 3: Funding. This bill requires no additional funds to be enacted. Officers who are already on patrol
23 will have the responsibility to look out for people who are smoking a cigarette and/or using a vapor product
24 (“vaping”) in a motor vehicle with a minor present.
25
26 Section 4: Penalties. The first offense is a \$50 fine. The second and every time after that will be a \$75 fine.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	BG24	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Carter Richards, Mack McLaren, Austyn Davis, Amelia Tate	Action on the Bill	
School: Walden School MS	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 prohibition of solitary confinement for juveniles in detention facilities.
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 605 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 - (1) No juvenile who is under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be placed in solitary confinement or any
6 form of isolation that involves the physical separation of the juvenile from the general population for
7 disciplinary, administrative, or protective reasons.
8 - (2) For the purposes of this section, "solitary confinement" or "isolation" means the involuntary placement of
9 a juvenile alone in a locked room or cell, for any period of time, except as provided in subsection (3) of this
10 section.
11 - (3) Temporary separation of a juvenile shall be permitted only when both of the following conditions are
12 met:
13 a. The juvenile poses an immediate and substantial risk of physical harm to self or others; and
14 b. The separation lasts no longer than four (4) hours and is used solely to reduce the risk of immediate
15 harm.
16 - (4) During any temporary separation permitted under subsection (3), a staff member shall:
17 a. Visually check the juvenile at least every fifteen (15) minutes; and
18 b. Provide the juvenile access to mental health services, educational materials, and meals consistent with
19 facility standards.
20 - (5) Each juvenile detention facility shall document all instances of temporary separation, including the
21 reason for separation, its duration, and the actions taken to return the juvenile to the general population.
22 Records shall be reported quarterly to the Department of Juvenile Justice.
23 - (6) Any facility found in violation of this section shall be subject to administrative review and corrective
24 action by the Department of Juvenile Justice.
25
26 Section 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
27
28 Section 3. This Act shall take effect January 1, 2026.




COMMONWEALTH BILLS

**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
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 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW1	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Milly Thompson, Anne-Riley Corbin, Cyndi Case	Action on the Bill	
School: Adair Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To amend political ideology or affiliation as a protected category under hate crimes law.
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1- It shall be unlawful to intentionally commit or threaten acts of violence, property damage,
- 5 intimidation, or harassment against any person based on their actual or perceived political beliefs or
- 6 affiliations. Penalties will increase if a criminal act is fun to be politically motivated.
- 7
- 8 Section 2- mandate specialized training for law enforcement on identifying and investigating political hate
- 9 crimes
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- 11 Section 3- mirror existing hate crime sentencing enhancements. Allow for increased sentencing or fines for
- 12 politically motivated crimes.
- 13
- 14 Section 4- Require agencies to track and report incidents of political hate crimes annually.
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- 16 Section 5- If any part of the law is held unconstitutional, the rest remains in effect.
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- 18 Section 6-This law will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW2						
	Referred to Committee: Senate						
Sponsors: Grigsby Brown, Fin Dunn, Michael Shain, Kinley Thompson	Action on the Bill						
School: Bardstown MS							
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1 An Act Relating To Adjusting the Kentucky State Income Tax for Low-Income Earners and Creating a Red Dye
2 40 Tax

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

4
5 Section 1: The state income tax rate shall be lowered from 4% to 2% for all individuals who earn less than or
6 equal to \$25,000 annually. Reducing the state income tax for this income group will allow more money to
7 remain within local communities. This increase in spending power will help small businesses, strengthen
8 neighborhood economies, and improve overall financial stability for Kentucky families.

9 Section 2: This bill shall apply only to individual taxpayers. It will not affect companies, corporations, or
10 nonprofit organizations. For individuals in this income bracket, the state income tax will remain 2% of gross
11 income, and existing tax deductions and credits will remain unchanged.


12 Section 3: This bill will directly benefit lower-income earners and communities by allowing more personal
13 income to be used for everyday expenses such as food, housing, and transportation. It is estimated that
14 qualifying Kentuckians could retain up to \$500 more per year. Indirectly, this will also stimulate small
15 businesses as increased consumer spending encourages local economic growth.

16 Section 4: Funding for this bill will come from the creation of a new excise tax, known as the "Red Dye 40
17 Tax." This tax will add two cents (\$0.02) to every one dollar (\$1.00) spent on food or beverage products
18 containing Allura Red AC (Red Dye 40). This includes, but is not limited to, candies, fruit-flavored snacks, soft
19 drinks, and drink mixes.


20 Section 5: Any store, manufacturer, or distributor that fails to comply with the Red Dye 40 Tax collection
21 requirement will face penalties.

22 Penalties will include a 10% reduction in profits earned from all Red Dye 40 products sold during the period
23 of noncompliance, in addition to any other fines determined by the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

24 Section 6: This bill shall be added to Title XI – Revenue and Taxation, Chapter 141 – Income
25 Tax, under Statute 141.019, relating to the calculation of adjusted gross income and net income for
26 taxpayers other than corporations.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW4	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Adler Birch, Malaya Bland, Kenzie Meza, Harper Swanson	Action on the Bill	
School: Bluegrass MS	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To implementing anti-bullying programs in all public elementary schools in Kentucky.
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 SECTION 1. All public elementary schools in Kentucky will implement an approved bullying prevention
- 5 program in order to reduce the harmful effects of bullying and harassment of students.
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- 7 SECTION 2. Funding for these programs will be secured from both non-profit organization grants, state
- 8 education funds, and community contributions.
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- 10 SECTION 3. Schools will have one year from the day of enactment to officially decide on which bullying
- 11 prevention programs to use; compliance would be monitored by the Kentucky Department of Education.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW5	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Emme Brittingham	Action on the Bill	
School: Christ the King ES - Lexington	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 Having Accessible Emergency Devices in Kentucky Schools Such as: Epipens, Inhalers, and
2 a Glucose Monitors.

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

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5 Section 1: All Kentucky schools must require accessible medical devices. These will include
6 epipens, inhalers, and a glucose monitor. This law also requires that at least one member of the
7 faculty be trained on how to use all the devices. The main reason for these devices is that
8 health problems are unpredictable. The medical conditions that require these devices can
9 happen at any point, plus this bill will help account for issues that students and staff may not be
10 yet aware of.

11 Section 2: These medical items need to be in a location that is open to not just teachers but
12 older students that can use these items in emergency situations. An epipen, inhalers, and
13 glucose monitors will be located in the nurse's office. However, if the school does not have a
14 nurse's office, the alternative will be the front office. For an epipen, there should also be one
15 epipen located in a safe, accessible place in the cafeteria.


16 Section 3: The average retail price of an epipen is around \$650-\$750 depending on the style
17 and brand. The name brand Epi-pens and Epipen Jr's price can be railed down depending on
18 your insure policy.

19 Section 4: According to MDsaves the estimated national cost of a standard glucose test is \$21.
20 However, the cost can range from \$7-\$246. The more expensive tests however, are not needed
21 for schools because those types of tests are only needed in hospitals. The cost for the types of
22 tests needed in schools are anywhere from \$15-\$35.


23 Section 5: Before insurance the price of an albuterol, generic 18g inhaler is around \$50 though
24 prices can vary. At the same time, there are also name brand inhalers that can cost up to
25 around \$200.

26 Section 6: Medication does expire. Epinephrine normally lasts 18 months. Inhalers last one year
27 and a glucose test will be accurate for up to three months once opened. This would factor into
28 some of the cost. Each school would have to buy two of each item every school year. That
29 would be \$1,400 worth of epipens, \$100 worth of inhalers, and \$50 worth of glucose tests. In
30 total that is \$1,550 per school year. That is a small fee to pay to save lives or a trip to the
31 hospital.

32 Section 7: This bill will go into effect in August 2026. Which means the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW6	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jake Bowles, Avery Anderkin, Jack Clickner	Action on the Bill	
School: Christ the King ES - Lexington	House	Senate
City: Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Mandating That Every Youth Coach has to be CPR Certified.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
3
4 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to increase the safety of young athletes by ensuring all
5 youth sports teams with participants 12 years or younger have coaches that are certified in
6 CPR, and who can respond in an emergency health situation.
7 Section 2: Every team’s parent organization would pay for the training and the cost decreases
8 with more people that attend. For youth sports organizations teams, the organization would
9 still pay, but most of the time, a youth sports coach is also a regular season coach. After you are
10 certified once, you have to be recertified every 2 years. After your first certification course you
11 have to go back in three years and do everything over again.
12 Section 3: The youth sports organization will be responsible for the cost of CPR certifications.
13 This can be passed on to the participants through registration fees, covered through fundraising
14 or sponsorships, or however the organization is able to secure the funds necessary to meet the
15 requirement. The Kentucky Sports Authority will be responsible for ensuring the youth sports
16 organizations are in compliance, as the organizations will be responsible for providing an annual
17 report that includes a document certifying that their team’s coaches in their organizations meet
18 the requirement. Failure to follow this requirement will have penalties - 1 st time: Warning; 2 nd
19 time: \$250 fine; 3 rd time: \$500 fine. 4 th time: The organization will be restricted access to the
20 public facility where they practice and play.
21 Section 4: The reason that it is only teams of 12 years or younger is because most teams of 13
22 or older have their own athletic staff. KHSAA doesn’t allow games or practices to happen
23 without a trainer. When doing high school sports, you can start high school sports at the age of
24 13. All coaches on a staff for sports teams 12 years or under will have all coaches be CPR
25 certified. This way if one coach is not there, we have another coach on the staff to help.
26 Coaches who are certified will wear a unique badge to let people know.
27 Section 5: This bill would go into effect on January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW8	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Lauren Meredith, Bella Lane, Hunter Lott, Gracie Wilson	Action on the Bill	
School: Henderson Co. North MS	House	Senate
City: Henderson	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

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An Act Relating to Child Abuse Penalties
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky


Section 1: KRS 508.100 is amended to read as follows:

- A person is guilty of criminal abuse in the first degree when he or she intentionall subjects a minor child to abuse that causes physical injury, risk of death, torture, or emotional trauma.
- Under current law, criminal abuse in the first degree is classified as a Class B felony if the victim is under the age of 12.
- The General Assembly hereby amends the age limit of 12 years of age to 18 years of age.


A Class B felony is punishable by 10 to 20 years of imprisonment.

Section 2: The purpose of this Act is to strengthen child protection laws in the Commonwealth by increasing the age limit from 12 to 18 years of age more appropriately reflects the harm caused and provides a greater deterrence.


Section 3: This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW11	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Jaci Nash, Addison Jobe, Emily Tucker, Charlotte Latta	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Name ES	House	Senate
City: Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To A Sales Tax Period (Holiday) for Back-To-School Supplies**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: A sales tax holiday would provide Kentucky residents with a temporary suspension of the state
5 sales tax on certain items, such as school supplies, clothing, or household goods. This measure is intended to
6 give families modest financial relief during key times of the year and encourage local shopping. Several
7 neighboring states, including Tennessee and Virginia, have implemented similar tax-free weekends.
8 Establishing a sales tax holiday in Kentucky would align the state with these regional practices and offer
9 short-term savings for consumers.
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11 Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (a) A statewide sales
12 and use tax holiday is hereby established beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the first Friday in August and ending at
13 11:59 p.m. on the following Sunday of each year. (b) During this period, no sales or use tax shall be collected
14 on eligible items as defined in Section 3 of this bill.
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16 Section 3: The following items shall be exempt from sales and use tax during the sales tax holiday: (a) School
17 supplies, including but not limited to notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, paper, binders, calculators,
18 backpacks, and art supplies;(b) Clothing and footwear with a sales price of \$100 or less per item;(c)
19 Computers and tablets with a sales price of \$1,000 or less per item;(d) Educational materials, including
20 reference books, dictionaries, and workbooks used in classroom instruction.
21
22 Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Revenue shall issue rules and guidance as necessary to implement
23 and enforce the provisions of this bill.
24
25 Section 5: This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2026, and the first sales tax holiday shall occur in August
26 2026.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW13	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Luke Metzmeier, Eli Piazza, Ellie Miller, Grace Wheelock	Action on the Bill	
School: Kammerer MS	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 Mandatory Universal Background Checks for the Purchase or Transfer of Firearms
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 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Universal
5 background checks are required for the purchase or transfer of any firearm. (2) Purchases or transfers are
6 prohibited until the background check process is completed and is returned to the seller or donee. (3) The
7 background check process includes a search of all relevant in-state criminal records, mental health records,
8 juvenile delinquency records, warrants, and protective order information. (4) Criminal history information,
9 including relevant juvenile delinquencies, warrants, and orders of protection, are reported to federal and
10 state databases of prohibited purchasers.
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12 SECTION 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW14	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Asher Gallagher, Eli Martin, Hadi Alnabhan	Action on the Bill	
School: Kentucky Country Day - MS	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 School Shootings and Declaring and Emergency
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


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- 4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Increased
5 amount of police officers shall be stationed in schools. (2) Faculty shall be mandated to complete twenty (20)
6 hours of self-defense (3) Greater security will be put in schools (4) Increased mandatory teaching on
7 discouraging gun violence once per trimester from 5th (Fifth) through 9th (Ninth) grades that last 1 period.
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- 9 Section 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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- 11 Section 3. The following KRS section is repealed: 158.4412 - Plan for implementation of state assessment
12 and accountability system.
- 13
- 14 Section 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the Stronger Connections Grant to
15 provide \$18,000,000 for the purposes of this bill.
- 16
- 17 Section 5. Whereas school safety is the top priority for the General Assembly, an emergency is declared to
18 exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
19 becoming a law.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW16	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Layla Townsend, Lucy Burchett	Action on the Bill	
School: Mayfield MS	House	Senate
City: Mayfield	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An act relating to a calm and safe space for overstimulated students
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1: This is a place where students can take a supervised break. A place like this can assure that all students will
5 have a safe space to go when stressed. This place will include a trusted adult that won't pressure a student when
6 overstimulated. The student participating in this will be getting work done as they take a moment away from the noisy
7 environment of a classroom. This with anxiety, focus, and overstimulation.
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9 SECTION 2:
10 *Eligible students- Any child who is overwhelmed and/or stressed.
11 *Supervisor- A trained and trusted adult that is capable of dealing with children.
12 *When- All day during the school day for 15-30 minutes.
13
14 SECTION 3: Students may visit this space for 15-30 minutes a day, once a day. Unless approved by a counselor, the
15 student should not be able to show up whenever. This room does not include being able to use electronic devices, and
16 eating and/or drinking anything (Except water). If a student appears in crisis, the supervising adult may refer to them as
17 a counselor.
18
19 SECTION 4: This room may be open all hours of the school day to all students. The adults in this room may include
20 counselors, wellness workers, designated teachers, or aids. The adults in this room will be trained in de-escalation,
21 recognizing signs of stress, anxiety, overstimulation, depression, confidentiality, and emergency procedures.
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23 SECTION 5:
24 *Month 1- Identify availability, budget, and staff resources.
25 *Month 2- Purchase items, find staff, and check with administration.
26 *Month 3- Soft launch with selected students and staff.
27 *Month 4- Full rotation during the school day.
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29 SECTION 6: The finds may come from donations from the community, money raised from programs, wellness grants,
30 parent donations, and fundraisers. As 1 estimate, this will cost \$1000+ per room. This has an impact on the finding but
31 luckily it is a positive impact on the students, teachers, schools, and community.
32
33 SECTION 7: Reduced stress and anxiety during the school day, Fewer emotional outbursts and/or problems with
34 behavior, increased focus in class after breaks, Improved overall student wellbeing, Positive school environment and
35 culture shift, Support for students with sensory issues, less stress on teachers and/or staff, students, and peers.
36
37 SECTION 8: This act will go into effect on the 2026-2027 school year.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW17	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: jeremiah Pugh, Jayden Lambert	Action on the Bill	
School: Metcalfe Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Edmonton	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 **An Act Relating To Emergency Preparedness Education in Kentucky Public Schools**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that all students in grades six through twelve in Kentucky public schools have the
5 opportunity to receive age-appropriate training in emergency response, first aid, and disaster preparedness in order to
6 improve student safety, confidence, and community readiness.
7
8 Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each Kentucky public school serving grades six (6) through twelve (12) will:
9 (a) Provide at least four (4) hours per school year of emergency preparedness training for all students.
10 (b) Include topics such as: Basic first aid and CPR awareness, Fire and severe weather procedures, Safe responses
11 to intruder or lockdown situations, Evacuation and shelter-in-place drills, Personal safety and emergency
12 communication methods
13 (c) Partner, when possible, with local fire departments, law enforcement, and emergency medical services to deliver
14 practical demonstrations or simulations. Schools may integrate emergency training into existing health, physical
15 education, or advisory classes, or hold a separate annual safety training day.
16
17 The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will:
18 (a) Develop a statewide model curriculum and guidance materials for age-appropriate emergency preparedness
19 instruction.
20 (b) Provide free digital resources and training modules to schools.
21 (c) Encourage partnerships with local emergency management agencies and hospitals.
22
23 Schools may apply for grants or community sponsorships to help fund materials, guest instructors, or CPR practice
24 equipment.
25
26 Each public school shall report annually to its district board of education confirming compliance with this Act and
27 summarizing the type of emergency training provided.
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29 If passed this act will take effect July 1, 2026.
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31 "Emergency training" means instruction and practice in how to respond to emergencies including, but not limited to,
32 natural disasters, fire, severe weather, intruder situations, and medical emergencies such as CPR or choking response.
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34 "Certified instructor" means a teacher, school staff member, or approved community partner trained and authorized to
35 provide emergency response instruction.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW19	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Adeline Boyd, Emma Brundige, Iqra Pervez, Mackenzie Packwood	Action on the Bill	
School: Noe MS	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 helping people recovering from drug addiction find jobs and safe housing.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1.
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6 A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 218A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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8 (1) People in recovery from drug addiction may apply for a program that helps them find stable employment
9 and receive safe temporary housing for up to three (3) months while they begin work.
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11 (2) Participants will begin paying a small percentage of housing costs once they are financially able to do so.
12
13 (3) This program will be offered in counties with higher rates of drug addiction and overdose.
14
15 (4) The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, working with local recovery centers, will run this
16 program and help connect recovering addicts with employers who are willing to hire them.
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18 Section 2.
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20 There is appropriated to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from the General Fund the sum of
21 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2025–2026 for the purpose of providing temporary housing and
22 employment support for people in recovery.
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24 Section 3.
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26 Any statute contrary to this Act shall be repealed or amended as necessary.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW25	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Zahra Holman, Lacey Troop-Gager, Taylor Wagner, Campbell Yates	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School MS	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 Creating a Mentoring Program for Foster Care Youth**
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 create a statewide mentoring program to help young adults starting
5 at 15 years old who are approaching “aging out” of Kentucky’s foster care system. This program will help
6 them transition successfully into independent adulthood by providing guidance, resources, and community
7 support.
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9 SECTION 2: “Mentor” refers to a trained adult volunteer or professional in the field of mental health, who
10 provides guidance, emotional support, and life-skill mentoring.
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12 SECTION 3: The estimated initial cost is \$100,000, primarily for training, background checks, and
13 administrative coordination. Funding will come from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services’ existing
14 foster care transition budget and may be supplemented through federal grants or private partnerships.
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16 SECTION 4: Mentors will be recruited as community volunteers. All mentors must pass thorough background
17 checks and complete mandatory training on working with youth. The social workers will match the foster
18 care children with a designated mentor.
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20 SECTION 5: This will be a mandated program for any licensed fostering agency in the state of Kentucky.
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22 SECTION 6: This bill will go into effect May 31, 2026, which is National Foster Kid Awareness Day.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</p>	CW27							
	Referred to Committee: Senate							
Sponsors: Heather Chisholm, Emily Mazzoni, Lyla Richardson, Charlotte Wright	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: Sayre School MS								
City: Lexington								

1 An Act Relating To Requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors in All Structures That Have Permanent or Non-
2 Permanent Living
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: This bill will add a new section of Chapter 227 of KRS.
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7 Section 2: Carbon monoxide poisoning is a life-threatening illness that happens after breathing in fumes
8 containing carbon monoxide (CO). After only a few minutes, carbon monoxide poisoning becomes fatal, which
9 has killed close to 25,000 people across the United States, an alarming rate, in just the past 15 years.
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11 Section 3: Noting with caution, carbon monoxide poisoning can be caused by many different factors in
12 houses, such as fuel-burning appliances (dryers, water heaters), poorly ventilated or maintained appliances,
13 and even attached garages.
14
15 Section 4: This bill proposes that carbon monoxide detectors be installed in all spaces with permanent and
16 non-permanent living. There should be at least one carbon monoxide detector per floor of a residential unit.
17
18 Section 5: After this bill is enacted, each property owner will have one year from the passage of legislation to
19 purchase and provide proof of purchasing at least one carbon monoxide detector per floor of a residential
20 unit. Upon submission of a receipt showing purchase, the property owner will receive a 10% reimbursement
21 for the total price of their carbon monoxide detector(s). If a property owner fails to meet these requirements,
22 the property owner will receive a \$250 fine and be given one year to comply and purchase at least one
23 carbon monoxide detector per floor of a residential unit.
24
25 Section 6: The property owner(s) of an apartment complex, singular unit, hotel, and/or condominiums must
26 provide at least one carbon monoxide detector per unit, resulting in the same penalty.
27
28 Section 7: If a residential unit (house, apartment, condominium, duplex, mobile home) is constructed after the
29 one-year period, it will be required to be built with carbon monoxide detectors installed. If the newly built
30 residential unit does not follow these rules, the property owners will face the same fine as previously noted.
31
32 Section 8: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2026.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW28	
	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Claire Lyvers, Caroline Frodge, Marian Lee	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic 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 business partnerships and career readiness opportunities in Kentucky high schools.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5 - Beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, every public high school in Kentucky shall establish at
6 least one partnership with a local business or organization.
7 - These partnerships shall give students the chance to participate in internships, apprenticeships, or job
8 shadowing experiences.
9 - The Kentucky Department of Education shall create basic guidelines to help schools form and maintain
10 these partnerships.
11 - Each high school shall submit an annual report to the Kentucky Department of Education outlining the
12 partnerships formed, the number of participating students, and the outcomes of these experiences.
13
14 SECTION 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW30	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Rizzo Avalon, Ben Crisp	Action on the Bill	
School: Walden School MS	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 Substance Abuse Treatment Affordability**

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

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4 Section 1. A section of KRS 222 is created to establish a Treatment Affordability Fund ("The Fund").

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6 Section 2. This is important because it helps families that cannot afford treatment for substance abuse. The
7 treatment for substance abuse rehab can cost as much as \$20,000 for an in-patient 30-day stay.

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9 Section 3. This Fund will provide support for rehabilitation patients and their families who are residents in
10 Kentucky.

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12 Section 4. The Fund will be administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. The Cabinet
13 shall establish eligibility criteria, a sliding-scale payment schedule, and procedures for providers
14 reimbursement.

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16 Section 5. Individuals who have access to Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance must use those benefits
17 first.

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19 Section 6. This will be funded by the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund, private grants and donations. Unused
20 funds must roll over to the next fiscal year.

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22 Section 7. This Bill will go into effect January 1, 2026. If the funding is not in place on this date, an
23 extension of 6 months may be granted.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	CW31	
	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Harper Blanford, Reese Hankins, Braden Turner, Lennox Hayes	Action on the Bill	
School: Webster Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Dixon	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To The Dissolution of Marriage During Pregnancy.

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

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4 KRS 403.xxx. Divorce during pregnancy in cases of abuse, neglect or mental health issues.

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6 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a petition for dissolution of marriage may be filed
7 and a decree of dissolution may be entered if the petitioner’s spouse is pregnant and the petitioner
8 demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent spouse has committed or is
9 committing abuse, neglect, or has a mental health condition that significantly impairs the marriage
10 relationship, and that continued marriage poses a risk to the physical, emotional or mental safety of the
11 petitioner or the unborn child.

12 (2) In such an action the court need not delay entry of the final decree until after the birth of the child or
13 termination of the pregnancy, provided the court finds that entry of the decree in advance of the birth or
14 termination is in the best interests of the petitioner and the unborn child.

15 (3) The court shall give appropriate consideration to the stage of pregnancy, medical evidence, protective
16 orders, and any relevant domestic violence history.

17 (4) This section does not relieve the court of its obligation to address custody, parenting time, child support
18 and property division under this chapter once the child is born or otherwise becomes subject to video or
19 statute.

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21 SECTION 2. Any statute or part thereof in conflict with this Act is hereby repealed to the extent of the
22 conflict.

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24 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon passage and its provisions shall apply to proceedings commenced
25 on or after the effective date.
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