

CHIEF SPONSOR:

HOUSE/SENATE BILL # _____

CO-SPONSORS:

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE # _____

CITY: Hobbs Knobs

ACTION ON THE BILL: _____

Title: Ensuring Agriculture Education for the Students of Kentucky.

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Section I: The economy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is inherently tied to its agricultural roots.

As such the Legislature has a vital interest in ensuring that Kentucky's students have an understanding of the agricultural industries that support the communities throughout the Commonwealth.

Section II: Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, each high school student who attends an institution, which receives funding from the Commonwealth, shall be required to complete a 12-week course on various aspects of the Commonwealth's agricultural industries. This course shall be developed by the Kentucky Board of Education and provided to the various districts throughout the Commonwealth.

Topics to be covered in the 12-week course will include various aspects of the agriculture industry including, but not limited to, livestock management, soil and water conservation, horticulture, forestry, and others. The objective of the course will be to cultivate an appreciation for the Commonwealth's agricultural roots and spark interest in developing and innovating improvements for success in the future.

Section III: The cost of the development and implementation will be accounted for in the upcoming budget, which will reflect a 0.025% increase of the state's collection of sin tax on alcoholic beverages to provide for the funds.

Section IV: The course will be developed and provided to the various districts by July 1, 2024.

Section VII: This bill takes effect on July 1, 2023.