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Capitol Update

Lawmakers Unveil Plan to Reduce Recidivism

FRANKFORT, Ky. Nov. 6 — A proposed job training and education center in Boyle County for Kentucky inmates could help further reduce the state’s recidivism rate, according to supporters.

Rep. Jennifer Decker, R-Waddy, and Sen. Brandon J. Storm, R-London, introduced the idea to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary on Thursday. Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) President Ryan Quarles and Director of Reentry Services with the Kentucky Department of Corrections Kirstin Porter joined them.

Decker credits KCTCS’s current partnership with the Department of Corrections for the recent drop in Kentucky’s recidivism rate.

The college system already has nine colleges working with 14 state-run correctional facilities, one federal prison and numerous local jails on GED, associate and bachelor’s degrees, and vocational job training, Quarles said.

Decker told the committee they would like to keep working together on recidivism and workforce participation by opening a model campus at a state prison for 400 vetted inmates to enroll in intensive education and vocational programs near their scheduled release dates.

“Every Kentuckian has a stake in this fight against recidivism, regardless of any personal ties to incarceration,” Decker said. “Because when inmates return home with proven skills, they are far more likely to stay out of prison in the future, to contribute to their communities and to ensure safer neighborhoods for all Kentuckians.”

Decker said Kentucky defines recidivism as reincarceration within 24 months of release. Kentucky’s recidivism rate dropped earlier this year by 1.6 points to 30.81%, but if measured by the national standard of three years, Kentucky’s recidivism rate is much higher, she said.

“(It’s) a standard that measures Kentucky’s rate of recidivism as being 40.2% higher than any border state, but declining faster than the U.S. average,” Decker added.

The program proposed by Decker, Storm, Quarles and Porter on Thursday is modeled after a successful program in Michigan called Vocational Village, where the state has seen a 50% drop in recidivism, Quarles said.

Quarles said they are proposing a KCTCS reentry campus at the North Point Training Center in Boyle County due to its already existing partnerships and prison education programs.

“We’re building upon a

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Commercial Bank will offer for sale at public auction the following:

1. 2022 Chevrolet Malibu LT, 4 Cyl. Turbo, 4 door., VIN# 1G1ZD-55TONF193206.

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PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 7th day of November 2025 that Charlette Elaine Childers has been appointed as the executrix of the Rexford Taylor Childers estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

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C-11-13-1T

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A formal test of a person's knowledge.
A medical test by a Doctor.

We all have gone through many exams in our lifetime. In school and college we always have weekly tests to see if we are learning our studies. We have to study, study and study more to be able to pass the exam so we can go to an upper grade level or to graduate.

We have to study to get a driver’s permit, then we have to practice driving and learn how to park to pass the exam for our driver’s license. Which is a proud moment.

We go to a doctor's office when we become ill or need a check up for an ailment. Sometimes they send you for a test an MRI, or X-ray, or ultra sound to find the problem so we can

be treated.

In court proceedings a lawyer will cross examine you during a trial as a witness.

One day we are all going to face a spiritual examination, so we must examine ourselves daily to test our faith. We need to have a daily checkup.

If you were to face a spiritual exam would you pass the test? Have you been committed to God, to the Holy Word, to a prayer life, have you lived an honest life, kind to neighbors, willing to help those in need?

When going through trials of many kinds, know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. If we pass the test we will receive a crown of life the Lord has promised us.

Psalms 26:2 Examine me, O Lord and prove me, try my reins and heart.

God will test us and discipline us because He loves us and wants us pass the examination to make it to heaven, not to

Ky. natives receive Grammy Award nominations

Nov. 7 — Country singers Tyler Childers and Chris Stapleton earned Grammy Award nominations in several country categories.

Childers is originally from

Lawrence County, KY., and Stapleton was born in Lexington and raised in Johnson County.

Childers was nominated for Best Country Solo Performance for his song, “Nose on the Grindstone.” He was also nominated for Best Country Song for “Bitin’ List” and Best Contemporary Country Album

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Morgan County Fiscal Court is seeking bids for the following:

Road Repairs Using Rail and Cribbing Methods

Bid packets may be picked up at the County Judge Executive’s Office, 1412 Hwy 7, West Liberty, KY 41472. Monday – Friday between 8 AM to 4 PM.

Companies desiring to provide services shall submit sealed hard copy proposals by 4 PM on November 20, 2025, at 1412 Hwy 7, West Liberty, KY 41472 or present bids at the Morgan County Fiscal Court meeting at 6 PM on November 20, 2025, at 450 Prestonsburg St, West Liberty, KY 41472.

All companies, including women, minority, and Veteran owned businesses are encouraged to submit proposals.

Morgan County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Morgan County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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