

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # HB 43</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> St. Agnes School							
<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1 An act to promote good nutrition by establishing the Urban Family Garden Program.

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

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5 Section 1: Presently in Kentucky there are an abundance of abandoned properties. They are are unsightly,  
6 unsafe, and may be the scene of criminal activity. These properties also provide no tax revenue for local  
7 governments. In addition, Kentucky ranks third in the nation in terms of childhood obesity. We want to  
8 initiate a government program that converts these properties into city community gardens. This Program will  
9 be titled Urban Family Gardens (UFC).

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11 Section 2: The Department of Agriculture will designate certain abandoned properties in urban areas to  
12 convert into community gardens. A property will become legally abandoned after a period of one year  
13 without inhabitants or use. Land will be divided in to 6' by 6' plots that can be rented out. These plots will be  
14 made available to citizens, with preference being given to people whose family income is below the poverty  
15 line. The first plot will be given free of charge, while for any additional plots, the owner will be charged a  
16 progressive tax which will range from five to twenty-five dollars, excluding those below the poverty line.

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18 Section 3: Costs for the program will be covered by a grant from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.  
19 Excess revenue from the sale of donated items will be used to pay off this grant. Administration of the  
20 program will be handled by Americorps volunteers.

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22 Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1st of the year after it has been passed.