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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

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An act to Provide Drug Prevention (Awareness) Education Programs in schools for 6th-12th graders.

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

Section 1: Schools will have a one hour Drug Education Prevention (Awareness) program in the school twice a school year. One program will occur at the beginning of each new semester.

Section 2: 24% of teenagers have tried alcohol before they are 13 other than a few sips. About 35% of High School students have alcohol at least one drink about every day. 40% of High School students have tried marijuana one or more times in their lives. 12% of students have tried to sniff glue, breathed in the contents of aerosol spray cans, or inhale any paints or sprays to get high. 8% between 12–17 have used pain relievers like Oxycodone and Hydrocodone for nonmedical reason. One in five teens has admitted to using prescription pills non medically at some point from a family member or friend. Kentucky is the 4th most medicated state in the country according to Forbes Magazine and it has the nation's sixth highest rate of prescription drug overdose deaths.

Section 3: With so much attention focused on reading, math and the other core contents in schools, subjects like health are often ignored. These programs would show the dangers of drugs and where students could go to get help if needed.

Section 4: Schools would be fined \$500.00 for each semester for not completing the program.

Section 5: This law will go in effect July 1, 2014.