

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # SB 34						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
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School: Oldham County Middle School							
City: LaGrange							

1 An act to start a suicide prevention week at schools in Kentucky.

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

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5 Section 1: Suicide is a serious health problem that can otherwise be preventable. Kentucky has the 12th
6 highest suicide rate in the country last year. Officials attribute Kentucky high rates to poverty, health
7 problems, alcohol abuse and lack of services available. This is what we wish to help change by implementing
8 this bill.

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10 Section 2: All public schools must have a yellow ribbon week (suicide prevention) on the week before
11 September 10th each year the bill is in effect. Although if a school is unable to have it on the week already
12 assigned as long as they have a suicide prevention week at some point during their school year it will be
13 accepted.

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15 Section 3: This bill must be implemented by every Elementary through High School in each school district of
16 Kentucky. If not complied with, the funding that goes to the school from the state will be reduced.

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18 Section 4: This bill will start in second grade and if the parents of any child in elementary school wish for
19 their child to not participate, they can have their child opted out of participation by bringing in a signed note.

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21 Section 5: This bill would cost no money because the training needed for teen suicide prevention is already
22 covered in the current policy in place. The current policy states, that the guidance counselor must go around
23 once a school year and talk about suicide prevention in high school and middle school.

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25 Section 6: This will be enforced by the Kentucky Board of Education.

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27 Section 7: This bill will go into effect during the 2014-2015 school year.