

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # SBP 06						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
Authors: Clara Manning, Beth Anthony	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	House	Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
House		Senate					
<input type="checkbox"/> Passed		<input type="checkbox"/> Passed					
<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated						
School: St. Joseph Catholic School							
City: Bowling Green							

1 An act to Reform Current Statutes Regarding the Custody of Minors

2
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

4
5 Section 1: The court shall determine custody of a minor by what is in the best interest of the child. Equal
6 consideration shall be given to each biological parent and any individual who has maintained a parental
7 relationship with the child if:

- 8 a.) He or she established a strong emotional bond with the child;
- 9 b.) Has resided in the same household with the child for a minimum of two years if the child is older
10 than two years of age; and
- 11 c.) Has provided a portion of the financial support for the child.

12
13 Section 2: If the child is of the age of twelve years or older, his or her wishes shall be considered by the court
14 when making a determination of custody, but the court shall not be required to follow the child's wishes.

15
16 Section 3: If an individual whom has maintained a parental relationship with the child is not awarded
17 custody, he or she shall be given reasonable visitation rights in a similar manner as a non-custodial biological
18 parent.

19
20 Section 4: If passed by the Annual Youth Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the bill shall become
21 law as of October 10, 2015.