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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill | Blue Bill # HB 23 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: House 2 | | | | | | |
| Authors: Meleah Coffey, Shelby Robertson, Brianna Franklin, Cassidy Johnson | 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 |
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| School: Russell County Middle School | | | | | | | |
| City: Russell Springs | | | | | | | |

1 An act to require all plans for new school construction to include a school-wide safe room for disasters
2 and/or emergencies.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is for schools to create a safe room similar to an underground auditorium
7 where schools can go when disasters occur. These disasters may be school shootings, tornadoes, hurricanes,
8 etc. These rooms will be underground and accessible from every classroom.
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10 Section 2: On average, 3 deaths occur in Kentucky annually due to tornadoes. Even more are lost nationally
11 to school shootings and other disasters. The safe rooms will decrease these numbers and ease parents'
12 peace of mind if something were to occur while at school.
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14 Section 3: Currently, schools have virtually no safe places for students to go when disaster strikes. A lot of
15 the time, they go into the hallway with protection at a minimum. These safe rooms would bring maximum
16 security and hopefully prevent injuries and fatalities for students, faculty, and staff.
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18 Section 4: Funding will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The cost would be
19 approximately \$500,000 in new construction. This would include doors from every classroom to the safe
20 area, stairs to the bottom, as well as concrete walls to ensure maximum safety. After FEMA approves this
21 construction from each individual school, they will cover the cost.
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23 Section 5: This bill will go into effect January of 2015.