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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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Action on the Bill

Red | Bill # SB 15

School: Henry Clay High School	House	Senate
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City: Favette	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An act to expand school choice on the public education system

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

Section 1: Currently, the law divides Kentucky into 173 districts. The schools residing in each district are paid for by the common school fund, which is derived from taxes paid by district residents. Districts are given general autonomy, but are regulated by the Office of Education Accountability. Students must attend schools within their district unless they are part of a magnet program and the state provides transportation.

Section 2: This bill allows students to attend any public school they wish to. It consolidates each district's common school fund into one Education Fund that will fund all public schools in Kentucky. Money will be allocated based on school enrollment; schools with more students will receive more money compared to schools with fewer students. However, schools in each district will still be regulated by the Office of Education Accountability, and magnet program rules will remain the same.

Section 3: Students who choose to attend a school not in their district are responsible for their own transportation via public transportation systems or a car.

Section 4: Funding for this bill will come from education taxes already paid by the people of Kentucky. No additional funding will be required.

Section 5: Failure of a school(s) to comply with this law will result in a 50% reduction in funding of that school(s) until compliance resumes.

Section 6:This bill will be put into effect one year after its passage.