KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Red | Bill # HB 16** **Referred to Committee:** **House 3**
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School: Henry Clay High School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Fayette	

An act to reform the Juvenile Delinquent System

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

Preamble - Since juvenile offenders who are released from custody are more likely to reoffend if they have not been provided sufficient skills to be college and career ready and to become productive members of society, we wish to provide such skills for them. A program will be developed in which shills training will be provided to youthful offenders. In addition to any other requirement imposed by law, prior to release from custody, each juvenile offender shall (1) complete high school or be awarded a GED (2) complete a job training program (3) complete a minimum 200 hours of training in the job training program, or pass a skills proficiency test in the trade learned in the program.

Section 1 - If the program is enacted it would aim to provide education, skills training and work experience necessary for the juveniles to have a successful transition back society. The previous law which requires juvenile offenders to stay in high school until age 18 or be awarded a GED would stay as is. The skills training program shall educate the students in a particular trade through classroom experience and on-site work. Following the educational part of the program, juvenile offenders will be required to shadow a mentor in the student's field of study.

Section 2 - The program would be paid for by requiring graduates from the program to work on government job sites, using the newly learned skill to offset the cost of the program. 10% of the graduates earnings from working with the state would go to the state until the costs of the training the graduates are met.

Section 3 - This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.