

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Blue   Bill # SB 40</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate 1</b>						
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<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1 An act to add sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under the Kentucky Commission of  
2 Human Rights (KCHR).  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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6 Section 1: Five cities in Kentucky have local non-discrimination ordinances protecting sexual orientation and  
7 gender identity: Covington, Lexington-Fayette County, Louisville Metro, Vicco, and Frankfort. Under current  
8 Kentucky Statutes, hate crimes based on gender identity are not recognized. However, neither sexual  
9 orientation nor gender identity are protected in cases of discrimination related to housing, employment, and  
10 public accommodation.  
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12 Section 2: Up until 1992, Kentucky law prohibited any forms of consensual homosexual fornication, even  
13 when performed in private. This bill will do two things by adding sexual orientation and gender identity under  
14 the KCHR: a) Hate crimes motivated by gender identity will be recognized, and b) provide protection from  
15 discrimination for both sexual orientation and gender identity in regards to housing, employment, and public  
16 accommodations. Protection on a state level will lower the rate of discriminatory action against these  
17 minorities, creating a more inclusive environment for all citizens.  
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19 Section 3: The cost for this bill will be minimal, requiring only the time of Kentucky Human Rights  
20 Commission (KHRC) agents to take a training class that will prepare them to handle cases of gender identity  
21 hate crime and discrimination of someone’s sexual orientation or gender identity. Costs should only include  
22 the materials required for the training class (papers, pens, etc.), which will be paid for by KHRC.  
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24 Section 4: A new demographic will be added to the KHRC protected classes, allowing more citizens of  
25 Kentucky to safely live out the life they want to without constant fear of being discriminated against. People  
26 with complaints of being discriminated against will be able to report it to KHRC and sue the perpetrator if  
27 they are found guilty of discrimination. Kentucky will become a new safe haven for people of all sexual  
28 orientations and gender identities.  
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30 Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately upon passage.