KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Blue | Bill # HBP 05** **Referred to Committee:** **House 1**
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School: Lawrence County High School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisa	

An act to re-instate Public School Nurses

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

Section 1: In the school year of 2013-2014, the fundings for public school nurses across the state were cut by the Kentucky Department of Health and Resources. Consequently, these cuts created the absence of immediate health care for students in school districts across the state. Moreover, this reduction affects schools at every level of education from pre-k thru 12th grade.

Section 2: Because of the absence of nurses in most cases, we have found that schools either send the sick student(s) home or send them back to class; thus, affecting the learning process or the causing the potential for the spread of illness.

Section 3: In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the state cigarette tax is $0.60 cents per pack. In the years of 2011-2012, citizens of Kentucky generated large tax revenue of $255 million dollars. Using the information given, we have found that a $0.13 cent special tax increase on cigarettes would cover all 1,233 public school nurses annual salaries in the state of Kentucky.

Section 4: If the school district does not abide by these new laws then the district will be fined $5,000 and then be forced to hire new nurses for every school in their district.

Section 4: If passed this bill will take effect on August 1, 2014 for all public schools.