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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

Red | Bill # SBP 08

Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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An act to require all teachers and instructors of middle and high school students to receive further education in suicide detection and prevention.

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

Section 1: All incoming teachers will be required to take a Continuing Education (CE) class titled Precautionary Adolescent Psychology that focuses on the detection and prevention of such actions that are a danger to themselves and/or other people. This will be integrated into the requirements for a teaching degree in all public colleges in Kentucky.

Section 2: Teachers who are currently employed at a public school in Kentucky will be required to participate in this CE program every 4 years which will provide updated information and statistics that will assist in detection and prevention of possible suicide, substance abuse, etc.

Section 3: Incoming teachers who attended out-of-state or private colleges must take a compressed course similar to the Precautionary Adolescent Psychology course that was mentioned in Section 1.

Section 4: Teachers attending public, in–state colleges will pay for the Precautionary Adolescent Psychology course themselves, as it is part of their tuition. The funding required for currently employed teachers will come from the district, as it is part of the district regulated CE program. The initial funding required for teachers from out–of–state or private colleges will be paid for by said teachers, as they must attend a required compressed course similar to the college program.

Section 5: The State of Kentucky currently requires teachers to take many CE classes each year, with some districts having 100+ for certain school officials. The district must pay a baseline fee of \$15,000 each year to use the program, and after consultation with a local Board of Education member, the approximate cost to alter the program will be 2-5% of this fee, paid for by each district's general fund.

Section 6: This bill will be enacted at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.