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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Premiere Bill

Blue | Bill # SBP 16

Referred to Committee:
Senate 1

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Action on the Bill

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An act to provide treatment for suicidal children

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to permit a way for suicidal children to be given treatment. The term "suicidal children" refers to minors that have the intent of have exhibited an attempt to commit suicide, and that come from low-income families. This bill is meant to, in sense, be a beacon of hope for children that cannot escape their thoughts of suicide. To verify that that child is receiving treatment, the facilities administering the treatment must turn in documentations to the Department of Human Health and Services.

Section 2: The funds given to families are only meant to be used for the child's treatment. The penalty for families that misuse the funds is up to two years of prison. This bill is meant only to save and preserve the lives of children that are plagued with thoughts of suicide; it is essential that their families do not use the money provided for their own pleasures.

Section 3:The funds for this bill come from reducing the number of drug tests conducted on welfare recipients. Although, this does not mean that drug testing is completely eliminated. For welfare recipients that have remained drug-free, they will not have to undergo such procedures as often someone who has a history with illegal substances. Drug tests cost $30 and there are currently 18.8% of Kentuckians on welfare, according to the Census Bureau. This means that the Kentucky government spends around $4,000,000 in drug testing alone. This money will instead be used to give treatment to children.

Section 4: This bill will go in effect on January 1, 2014.