

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # HB 13						
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School: Franklin County High School							
City: Frankfort							

1 An act relating to drivers education (Ben's Law)

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

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5 Section 1: Ben's law requires all 16 year-olds applying for a Class D Kentucky driver's license must complete
6 an approved driver education course and complete a total of 40 hours of supervised driving, 6 hours of
7 which must be at night, with a parent or guardian's sworn verification that these requirements have been
8 met. This program replaces the current mandatory requirements and 4 hour driving class through to
9 Department of Transportation.

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11 Section 2: Any Kentucky resident who has not completed an approved driver education course must be at
12 least 17 years old to be eligible for a Class D driver's license. He or she must have completed a total of at
13 least 40 hours of supervised driving, including at least 6 hours at night. The same verification in writing by a
14 parent or guardian is required.

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16 Section 3: Kentucky schools will incorporate a Driver's Education course into their curriculum. Kentucky's
17 driver education program is comprised of two components—a classroom component and a behind the wheel
18 component. The classroom component consists of a minimum of 30 hours of instruction, which teens can
19 acquire either in a classroom environment or via the web through any of the DDS-approved on-line courses.
20 The practical, or behind-the-wheel component, can be obtained under the supervision of a DDS-licensed
21 instructor or through use of the complimentary DDS Parent/Teen Driving Guide or the B.R.A.K.E.S Program.

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23 Section 4: Kentucky law allows insurance companies to offer reductions in automobile insurance premiums to
24 customers that complete a driver education course.

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26 Section 5: With the passage of Ben's Law, the Kentucky Driver Education Commission will be created. The
27 Commission will meet on a regular basis to review various methods of driver training for a comprehensive
28 accessible, affordable and effective method of driver education available for students throughout the state.

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30 Section 6: Funding will be provided from a 5 percent surcharge on traffic fines in the state of Kentucky.
31 Further funding may come from federal grants via the Kentucky State Police to run the school programs.
32 Other possible sponsors my include: Drive Smart Kentucky, Kentucky Department of Transportation and
33 Safety, Buckle up Kentucky, Highway Safety, & the Department of Education.

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35 Section 7: This bill will go into effect in the school year 2017-18, with a pilot program starting in the 2015-
36 16 school year for selective schools.