

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # SB 29						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 5						
Authors: Andi Bennett, Rhea Carter, Shelby Green, Monica Smith	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Lynn Camp High School							
City: Corbin							

1 An act to require students to obtain 100 community service hours to graduate high school in the Commonwealth
2 of Kentucky
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: Students seeking a diploma in Kentucky public schools will be required to complete 100 total hours of
7 community service before graduating high school to enhance our overall student profile by improving grades,
8 attendance, and character, as well as our communities by creating connections and fostering development.
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10 Section 2: Community service is non-voluntary service to benefit the community. A student may serve any 501
11 U.S. or international non-profit organization. Students may also volunteer at any government or religious
12 institution. If a student receives payment for their efforts, the hours will not count as community service.
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14 Section 3: If a student transfers from outside of a Kentucky public school, they will be exempt from the hours they
15 were not enrolled. Therefore, students will be responsible for the two and a half hours for each academic month
16 they attend an in-state school.
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18 Section 4: Of the 100 total service hours, at least 75 must be performed outside of the student's school grounds.
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20 Section 5: All service hours must have an adult supervisor (excluding the student's parent or guardian) to preside
21 over the volunteer work.
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23 Section 6: Service hours can be earned beginning the summer after the student's eighth grade year up until the
24 last marking day of their senior year. Students who do not complete the required hours of service will not be
25 permitted to graduate until their hours have been completed.
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27 Section 7: A Community Service Coordinator (CSC) will document and track student volunteer hours. This position
28 will be funded by the Community Development Grant or by Americorps VISTA. This individual will be responsible
29 for the communication, accountability and tracking of service learning projects. Each CSC will preside over all
30 public schools existing geographically within a county. One head coordinator will preside over all the CSCs.
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32 Section 8: Students shall maintain a portfolio that will include a log of their volunteer hours. Students may include
33 whatever they choose in their portfolio. The portfolio will not be required for students to receive volunteer credits;
34 it can be requested by Kentucky universities and business to supplement applications.
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36 Section 9: Community service hours will appear on all transcripts, report cards, and progress reports.
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38 Section 10: The five graduating seniors who earn the most service hours will be eligible to receive awards ranging
39 from \$25,000 - \$10,000. In the case of a tie, the Head Community Service Coordinator will decide the rank of the
40 top five most compelling portfolios.
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42 Section 11: The cost of this program will be approximately \$3 million.
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44 Section 12: To be enacted July 30, 2014.