

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # HB 42						
	Referred to Committee: House 5						
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1 An act to Require All Students to Pass a High School Civic Literacy Course Prior to Graduation.

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

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5 Section 1: In order to receive a high school diploma, every student in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be
6 mandated to have completed a civic literacy course.

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8 Section 2: The course will last one marking period and will inform students on topics consisting of but not
9 limited to: understanding the structure of the US government and each branch's function, finding valid
10 information about candidates, voting practices and the casting of a research-based vote, understanding
11 campaign platforms, filing to run for office or volunteering to support a candidate, and becoming involved in
12 the processes thereof.

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14 Section 3: Every public school will be mandated to offer a civic literacy

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16 Section 4: Every student attending a public school in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be required to
17 complete said course without a failing grade. Pass or fail will be determined by each school's grading scale.
18 If a student fails the course he or she will be required to repeat it before obtaining a high school diploma.

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20 Section 5: Local school districts will be responsible for funding this course with existing funds. If a school is
21 unable to fund the course, the school's administration may apply for a state grant before the commencement
22 of the school year. In order to preserve state funds, only 1 in every 3 schools that apply for grants will
23 receive one. Any school that applies for a grant and is rejected will be exempt from the requirement and may
24 apply for a grant for the following school year.

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26 Section 6: The course must follow the outline for curriculum that is found on <http://education.ky.gov> under
27 "Civic Education". In addition, the curriculum of this course will not require the purchasing of new textbooks-
28 it can use texts from readily available resources, i.e. the school's current US History or APUSH textbook, as
29 well as politically-neutral and non-partisan resources, (websites, newspapers, magazines, etc)

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31 Section 7: Any school that refuses to comply will be fined 2% of their annual academic budget. For each
32 failure to comply after the original offense the school will be fined 1% more of their academic budget. This
33 does not apply to schools that applied for but were denied a grant.

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35 Section 8: To allow for adequate preparation, this bill will go into effect for the 2016-2017 school year. All
36 students who are sophomores, juniors, or seniors during the 2016-2017 school year will be exempt from
37 the graduation requirement.
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