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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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An act to establish literacy centers throughout the Commonwealth to assist Kentuckians improve their reading skills.

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

Section 1: These centers will assist Kentuckians with their reading skills. Citizens ages 8 and above will be accepted. This program is targeted for those who are illiterate or behind their grade/age reading level.

Section 2: The centers will be established in existing public school facilities. They will be staffed by sophomore, junior, and senior high school students and/or qualified volunteers. Students who wish to volunteer must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and have scored at the proficient level or higher on the reading portion of the state test.

Section 3: All volunteers will be trained by qualified educators in the state.

Section 4: Students will have the opportunity to earn college assistance for in state schools based on the number of hours worked at these centers. A scale will be established to determine what type of assistance is awarded to these student volunteers.

Section 5: Centers will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3–5 for ages 8 to 16 and from 6–8 for ages 17 and above. Saturday sessions will also be available from 9–12 for all ages.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect six months after passage. Initially a pilot program will be established in the twenty counties with the lowest literacy rates. After another six months the program will be evaluated and expand from there.