

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # HBP 09</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 1</b>						
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<b>School:</b> E.J. Hayes Middle School							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							

1 An act to require anyone convicted of child abuse or neglect to complete 30 hours of counseling before  
2 custody of child can be reinstated.  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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6 Section I: The purpose of this bill to help protect Kentucky children who have been abused and neglected.  
7 Currently Kentucky is a one of the leading states in the nation for child abuse and neglect. This bill will help  
8 parents of children to receive needed counseling services so that they can receive custody of their children  
9 again and more importantly learn new parenting techniques to deal with parenting issues. Kentucky  
10 residents who have been convicted of child abuse will receive 30 hours of counseling mandated by the state  
11 before they are able to receive custody of their child.  
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13 Section II: In Kentucky, it is optional for judges to assign counseling services to parents convicted of child  
14 abuse and neglect. This bill would make it mandatory for anyone convicted of child abuse or neglect to  
15 receive 30 hours of counseling services. Kentucky Residents who are convicted of child abuse or neglect.  
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17 Section III: Once this bill is enacted, parents and guardians convicted of child abuse will be mandated to  
18 attend 30 hours family counseling services before they can receive custody of their child again. Failure to  
19 complete these counseling services within one month will result in one month of jail time and a \$500 fee that  
20 will be paid to the Kentucky State Treasury Department. The consequences of not following this law will be  
21 Jail/Incarceration as revocation of custody of their children until such counseling can be completed with the  
22 state.  
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24 Section IV: Cost to Implement this Bill: The cost for family counseling services will be paid for by the  
25 convicted parent. These costs will be covered by the mental health services provided by a private insurance  
26 carrier or by the new nation-wide Obamacare under mental health services.