KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Legislative Bill

Blue | Bill # SB 19

Referred to Committee:
Senate 4

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School: Murray Middle School

City: Murray

Action on the Bill

	House		Senate	
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1   An act to require protective eye gear for designated athletes.
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3   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Student athletes with prescription lenses will be required to wear protective eye gear at all
6 practices and games. No traditional lenses/frames will be allowed on athletes during practices or events.
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8 Section 2: The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) will educate athletic directors, coaches
9 and officials at both yearly trainings and conference events. In addition, all publications distributed by the
10 KHSAA will include information about this regulation.
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12 Section 3: Parents and student athletes will be informed of this requirement on the official KHSAA physical
13 form which is available on-line and through local athletic directors. All athletes are required to have a yearly
14 physical and this universal form used state-wide is the best means of education on both eye safety and this
15 new protective eye gear regulation.
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17 Section 4: Coaches will enforce this requirement at scheduled practices and game officials will enforce at
18 any/all athletic events.
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20 Section 5: Student athletes found in non-compliance with this regulation will not be allowed to participate in
21 the scheduled athletic event.
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23 Section 6: Schools who cannot field a team without non-compliant athletes will be forced to reschedule the
24 game/match.
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26 Section 7: Funding for all protective eye gear will be responsibility of the family of the athlete. School
27 resource centers, booster clubs, and/or athletic budgets may be used to offset the cost for the individual
28 families.
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30 Section 8: This bill will go into effect the 2014-15 school year.