

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 38						
	Referred to Committee: House 3						
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School: Nativity Academy at St Boniface							
City: Louisville							

1 An act to provide aid to students seeking funds for private high schools.

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

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5 Section 1: This bill will require that no students seeking private high school will be rejected based solely on
6 financial bases. This program will be income-based and only provided to families who receive free and
7 reduced lunch. Only incoming 9th and 10th graders are eligible to apply and yearly renewal will be required.
8 Renewal process will require that parent and students submit income verification and grades. Students must
9 be on honor roll and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0. If students cannot maintain required GPA student
10 will be granted one semester to regain grades or risk losing a portion or even aid. Students must be able to
11 pay at least 25% of tuition. This percentage can be paid in the form of work studies hours performed at
12 school by students or parents. In addition students will be required to perform additional service hours in
13 the community and school.

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15 Section 2: Many Kentuckians seek and want to attend private middle and high school however they are
16 unable to afford tuition. Private schooling can be expensive as college with an annual tuition rates in the
17 tens of thousands of dollars. Financial aid for students wanting to attend these schools is very limited
18 providing sometimes less than 5% of financial aid to students. We want all eligible students to choose what
19 school they attend and not have financial burdens prevent them from doing so.

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21 Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education. Funding will be provided to
22 schools in the form of a voucher and private school accepting vouchers will be awarded a small state grant.
23 In addition, Kentucky taxpayers can receive a tax credit for donation they make to school tuition program.
24 This tuition program will be paid by taxpayers however other states that have adopted such programs is
25 costing the state approximately \$4,000 per student as opposed to public school system costing nearly
26 \$7,500

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28 Section 4: Private schools that refuse to take financial tuition vouchers will lose any state aid that they may
29 receive.

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31 Section 5: This bill enacted in the fall of the 2015 school year.