

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 53						
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1 An act to prevent cyber bullying and cyber harassment through the use of a newly developed website.

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

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5 Section 1: According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 52% of students report having been cyber bullied.
6 Currently, there is not a Kentucky Bill that comprehensively covers the steps to report a cyber bullying
7 incident. It is necessary that we offer adequate protection to Kentucky's youth digital citizens.

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9 Section 2: This bill will require the creation of a government website, at domain such as cyberbullying.ky.gov.
10 This website will be accessible to minors only. A form on this website will require the name of the bully,
11 victim, person reporting, as well as time and the website, or message, on which the bullying occurred. There
12 will be an optional field to insert a screenshot of the incident for reference. The names will be cross-
13 referenced with the social security numbers of all minors in the state of Kentucky. Each offense will be
14 recorded and kept on file at the Kentucky State Police Department. In addition, the parents or guardian will
15 be notified after each offense.

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17 Section 3: The first and second offense of cyber bullying will be put on file. A third offense will require
18 investigation by the Kentucky State Police Department. This offense will merit a visit from the State Police
19 Department to the home of the offender, if the report is proved valid, and consequences will be discussed.
20 The offender will be required to write a formal apology to the victim, and will also be placed on a Cyber
21 Bullying Watch List. This means that they will be required to register at every school or activity they
22 participate in. The offender will also be required to attend a state mandated reform program for 90 days.
23 During this 90 day period, their presence is prohibited on any social media or online messaging sites.
24 Presence on these sites will immediately be prosecuted as if a fourth offense has occurred. In the case of a
25 fourth offense occurring, the defendant will be prosecuted for a class B misdemeanor

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27 Section 4: The KY State Police Department currently has a Cyber Crimes Unit. The current employees of the
28 CCU, plus one additional person on special assignment from the Attorney General's Office, will be needed to
29 integrate this computer program into the daily use of the Cyber Crimes Unit. Additional money would be
30 allocated to the CCU to develop, train, and implement the program into an investigational tool of the
31 Kentucky State Police. This allocated money would come from operational costs of the Attorney General's
32 office, plus a one time contractor fee for the program development. The Commonwealth Office of
33 Technology would provide continued technical support of the program.

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35 Section 5: This bill will become effective one year after it is passed.