

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # SBP 05	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3	
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School: Casey County Middle School	House	Senate
City: Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An act to require foreign language immersion in all public elementary schools.

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

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6 Section I: This bill would require all public elementary schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to
7 provide their students with foreign language instruction on the immersion level. The immersion
8 level goes beyond the routine of listening, reading, speaking and writing the new language as it
9 allows students the opportunity to attain high levels of proficiency.

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11 Section II: In today’s society, we need more bilingual speakers to stay competitive in the global
12 economy. Educators say that the youngest brains have the greatest aptitude for absorbing
13 language and it increases a student’s level of language proficiency compared to waiting until
14 middle or high school.

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16 Section III: All elementary schools will be required to teach a minimum of 2 foreign languages during
17 the two years and the addition of a third language will come during the third year of the
18 program. Languages offered will primarily based on the regional needs of the schools.

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20 Section IV: Funding for this bill will be provided by the Kentucky Department of Education and the
21 allocations provided to them by the U.S. Department of Education.

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23 Section V: The Kentucky Department of Education and local Board of Educations will be responsible
24 for enforcing the new policies set forth with this bill.

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26 Section VI: This bill will go into effect for the new school year.