

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</p>	Blue Bill # HBP 09						
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City: Goshen							

1 An act to amend the child custody law by allowing children 14 and up to have the decision of which parent to
2 live with in a custody case.

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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: This bill will set the minimum age for children to decide which parent they want to live with in a
7 custody battle to be 14.

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9 Section 2: Currently in KY, there is no magic age that a child gets to decide where they live; its the decision
10 of the court. A child is a minor and the law assumes that a minor is not mature enough to make those types
11 of decisions; however, children that are 14 who have lived with their parents should be old enough to make
12 the decision of which parent they would like to live with.

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14 Section 3: This bill will allow children who are 14 to make the decision where they want to live. They have
15 lived with both parents and best know which one they want to live with. They will have to provide sound
16 reasons for which parent they choose or the judge can override their decision.

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18 Section 4: There will be no cost for the implementation of this bill.

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20 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2014.