KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # SB 13** **Referred to Committee: Senate 4**
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School: Casey County High School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Liberty	

An act to reduce the effect of domestic violence on children.

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

Section I: This bill will strengthen the laws against domesic violence to protect the children involved.

Section II: Three to four million children between the ages of 3 and 17, in the state of Kentucky, are at risk of exposure to domestic violence.

Section III: Local and state law enforcement officials, as well as the Department of Child Protective Services will be responsible for enforcing the policies set forth by this bill.

Section IV: This bill will require no additional funding since it is primarily requiring the implementation of stronger policies and penalties for those charged with domestic violence when children are involved.

Seciton V: Penalties for those charged with domestic violence where children are involved will be set as follows:

1st Offense: Children will be temporarily placed in the custody of a reliable relative or a local foster home for a period of 24 hours after the dispute or 24 hours after the violator has been released from police custody.

2nd Offense: Children will be removed from the home and placed with a reliable relative or foster care for 30 consecutive days. In this time the parents must complete 3 sessions of abuse therapy. The therapy sessions must be completed before the children can be released into their custody.

3rd Offense: Custody will be taken from the parents for one year. Parents will be required to attend one therapy session each month and they will have a zero tolerance provision enforced on their custody rights. After custody is granted, the parents will be subject to random home visits by the Department of Social Services.

Section VI: This bill will go into effect within 30 days upon passage.