KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # SB 30** **Referred to Committee: Senate 1**
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School: Hart County High School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Munfordville	

An act to require all school systems in Kentucky spend a certain percentage of their annual budget on instructional and college preparatory activities.

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

Section 1: Whereas education in Kentucky is on a limited budget of approximately $9500.00 per student per year according to a US Census Bureau report, and given the importance of education, we propose that all school systems in Kentucky should be required to allocate at least a specific percentage of its annual budget on instructional activities. Furthermore, we propose that there should be a maximum percentage spent on athletics and its associated costs - to include, but not limited to, coaching, transportation, insurance, etc.

Section 2: Limited resources do not necessarily mean that a school system cannot be successful. In order to determine what "successful" means, administration must ask tough questions of itself. According to a study performed by faculty at Boise State University, these questions should be focused in the areas of :Leadership, Learning, and Safety. According to the study, which was published in the October 2009 issue of Educational Leadership, focusing on these areas will lead to a focus on academic success of individuals and each school as a whole

Section 3: Currently, there are no set regulations on how a school system's budget is divided between education and sports. Schools have absolute discretion on how to expend their money.

Section 4: We propose that all schools in Kentucky be set on a standard that dictates at least 72.5% of their budget be used for instruction needs and opportunities-to include administrative costs. the remaining 27.5% shall be used on sport related activities, equipment, and other associated costs.

Section 5: All schools will be required to give a report on purchases that are made from their budget at the middle of the school year-after either the first semester or second quarter-and at the end of the year- no later than 14 days after the last instructional day of the academic year.

Section 6: Any school that fails to meet the minimum percentage required to be spent on education will be penalized as follows:

- First Offense: $1,000 fine
- Second Offense: $5,000 fine
- Third Offense: $10,000 fine

Section 7: All fines collected from schools that do not meet requirements will go towards educational and college preparation purposes.

Section 8: The Kentucky Department of Education will be responsible for carrying out the above requirements and disciplinary actions.

Section 9: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the school year after it is signed into law.