

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # HBP 11						
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1 An act to enhance the welfare system

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

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5 Section 1: People in Kentucky on welfare receive money to fund the expenses of life that they have. The
6 government spends \$131.9 billion one welfare annually; this is not including food stamps or unemployment.
7 In 2010 the amount of money spent in Kentucky alone on welfare peaked at 3.5 billion. By 2018 the amount
8 of money spent is estimated to reach 3.2 billion. Some of those welfare users take advantage of this system
9 and use the money that they are given for unnecessary items that are not beneficial to one's health. We
10 want to prevent them those users who manipulate the welfare system and do not use it for actual
11 necessities from doing so.

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13 Section 2: We want to implement a system where all welfare users have a specific indication of whether or
14 not they are on welfare on their form of identification (i.e.- driver's license). This indication would show if one
15 is on welfare, and would allow or not allow them to purchase alcohol or tobacco products. Welfare users
16 would also receive a prepaid Visa card each month, instead of a check or cash, with the amount of money
17 they are given and allowed to spend on necessities. This would prevent users from using the money on drugs
18 and alcohol and restrict them to only buying things necessary for good health. This implementation would
19 cost money for getting the Visa cards, but overall it would save paper in terms of not giving the users a
20 check or cash monthly, thus helping the environment and the economy. It would benefit the society and help
21 the person on welfare live a healthy life style. Maintaining a healthy life style not only benefits you physically
22 but mentally as well.

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24 Section 3: The penalties for not accepting these implementations, or continuing to abuse the money given
25 would be to do some sort of manageable job (i.e.-picking up trash on highways), or to decline the offered job
26 and receive no more funds until the person decides to accept the implementations. The mandatory volunteer
27 work will help the community and will create a good work ethic, showing that one can achieve a goal with
28 determination and hard work to receive what they want.

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30 Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1st the year after it has been passed.