KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Blue | Bill # SBP 27** **Referred to Committee: Senate 3**
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School: University Heights Academy	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Hopkinsville	

An Act to Amend Domestic Violence Laws and Prevent Dating Violence

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

Section 1: Whereas current law only allows access to civil orders of protection from domestic violence for married couples, couples who live together, and couples who have a child together;

Section 2: Whereas girls ages 16 to 19 are four (4) times more likely than the general population to report sexual assault or attempted rape according to the US Dept. of Justice;

Section 3: Whereas a recent national study with women over the age of 65 found that 26.5% had experienced partner violence;

Section 4: Whereas, on average, every month, at least two women are killed by their intimate partner; and

Section 5: To prevent dating violence among these groups, Kentucky law shall be amended allow access to civil orders of protection for dating couples and not just for married couples, couples who live together, and couples who have a child together.

Section 6: Upon passage, this act will take effect 90 days after passage.