KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Red | Bill # HBP 04** **Referred to Committee:** **House 2**
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School: Belfry High School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Belfry	

An act to mandate ethics training for all city officals of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Due to the marked increase of ethics related crimes, especially in local level governments, it is deemed necessary to impose a law mandating that all city and county officials must attend at least ten (10) hours of ethics training annually. This would, in effect, decrease the amount of ethics crimes committed in municipal offices, specifically in local level governments, and create a more educated workplace environment in those offices.

Section 2: In order to curb ethical law discrepancies in the commonwealth of Kentucky, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a law (HB 1 Section 3 Subsection 6) on July 9, 2013 that mandated the adoption of an ethics code for all districts, even districts that were previously designated as "special" districts. However, this law fails to mandate ethics training in these local level governments. In doing this, the Kentucky General Assembly has ignored the largest part of the ethics controversy: ignorance of politicians and elected officials within the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 3: All elected city and county officials of Kentucky shall be required to attend at least ten (10) hours of ethical training per year. If an official fails to complete the mandated amount of hours in a year, they will be suspended for one (1) week without pay for a first offense, and for a second offense, they will be suspended for two (2) weeks without pay. On the third offense, the belligerent official is fined $4000, and the official is removed from office.

Section 4: To provide the training itself, the Kentucky League of Cities (a non-profit organization that offers ethical education) will enter into a contractual agreement with the Kentucky state government, in which the KLC will be compensated a maximum of two (2) million dollars every year. This money will come from surpluses in the Kentucky yearly budget.

Be it here enacted that this bill will be effective immediately after passing.