

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # SB 19						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
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1 An act to increase the bee population in Kentucky and prevent Colony Collapse Disorder

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

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5 Section One: One-third of all honey bee colonies in the country have vanished. Healthy bees started
6 abandoning their hives and not returning in 2006. This is called Colony Collapse Disorder. Scientific experts
7 agree that the disorder comes from many reasons: diseases, pesticides (chemicals), and lack of flowering
8 plants. Definition: Colony Collapse Disorder: when healthy bees leave their hive forever.

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10 Section Two: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will develop a campaign via internet, commercials, and
11 community forums to educate Kentucky citizens on how they can reverse this problem. Solutions range from:
12 wildflower seeding, plant flowers and plants, alternate vegetable crops, organic (chemical-free) pesticides.

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14 Section Three: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will develop a task force to study what other nations
15 have successfully accomplished to reverse Colony Collapse Disorder. The task force will then decide which of
16 those programs would be beneficial to the honey bee crisis in Kentucky.

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18 Section Four: Amend the Farmland Assessment Act which will make it easier for bee keepers/landowners to
19 obtain a tax break. Under the current system, a landowner with property suitable for a bee keeper will rent
20 that property to a farmer for a hay or corn crop rather than to a bee keeper. This is because hay and corn
21 will provide a Farmland Assessment tax break, but a honey crop will not. Such an amendment would allow
22 property owners who rent to bee keepers (honey farmers) to obtain the same credit as they receive now
23 when they rent to a vegetable crop farmer.

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25 Section Five: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2014.