KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # SB 24** **Referred to Committee: Senate 2**
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School: Murray Middle School	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Murray	

An act to require all home-schooled children to be tested yearly.

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

Section 1: All home-schooled students in our Commonwealth (grades 3-12) will be required to take either a state or national test yearly.

Section 2: Home-schooled students may opt to take the K-Prep state administered test OR a nationally normed test of achievement like the ACT Aspire, Explore, Plan, or ACT. Families of home-schooled students will be informed of district dates for the contracted tests and are welcome to take these tests within their home school district or take them(or an alternate) independently.

Section 3: The Superintendent of the home school district will inform the parents/families of home-schooled students of the testing opportunities and dates that will be offered by the district by September 1st of each school year. Parents will be given a window of opportunity to be determined by the individual school district as to whether their child/children will take advantage of the testing opportunities or whether they will seek independent testing opportunities.

Section 4: The cost of testing materials and any scoring fees is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the home-schooled student(s). If they wish to take the district contracted test, then that fee must be paid to the Board of Education prior to any scheduled testing sessions.

Section 5: Home-schooled parents may apply for a tax credit for any costs associated with independent nationally recognized tests of achievement each year. Limit one per year, per child. The average income rate for counties in Kentucky and federal poverty guidelines will be used as a scale to award full, half, or partial tax credit. Families at or below 150% of the federal poverty level will receive full tax credit. Families that are above150% of the federal poverty level, but remain below the median income level for the state of Kentucky ($40,062) will be awarded 50% tax credit for testing fees. And families living at or above the median income level for the state of Kentucky will be awarded no less than 25% tax credit.

Section 6: It is the responsibility of the family to provide the home district with results from independent achievement test scores. If test scores are not disclosed yearly, the student will be considered non-compliant.

Section 7: Non-compliance with the mandatory testing will be recorded and records will be maintained at the local Boards of Education. Families will be notified of non-compliance standing within the district and will be sent notification of upcoming available testing opportunities.

Section 8: All testing results for home-schoolers are for informational purposes only and will not be used in the school's accountability index.

Section 9: Any record of non-compliance gives the home school district the right to deny future enrollment.

Section 10: This bill will go into effect the 2014-15 school year.