KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # HB 26** **Referred to Committee: House 3**
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School: Murray Middle School	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Murray	

An act to require protective eye gear for designated athletes.

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

Section 1: Student athletes with prescription lenses will be required to wear protective eye gear at all practices and games. No traditional lenses/frames will be allowed on athletes during practices or events.

Section 2: The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) will educate athletic directors, coaches and officials at both yearly trainings and conference events. In addition, all publications distributed by the KHSAA will include information about this regulation.

Section 3: Parents and student athletes will be informed of this requirement on the official KHSAA physical form which is available on-line and through local athletic directors. All athletes are required to have a yearly physical and this universal form used state-wide is the best means of education on both eye safety and this new protective eye gear regulation.

Section 4: Coaches will enforce this requirement at scheduled practices and game officials will enforce at any/all athletic events.

Section 5: Student athletes found in non-compliance with this regulation will not be allowed to participate in the scheduled athletic event.

Section 6: Schools who cannot field a team without non-compliant athletes will be forced to reschedule the game/match.

Section 7: Funding for all protective eye gear will be responsibility of the family of the athlete. School resource centers, booster clubs, and/or athletic budgets may be used to offset the cost for the individual families.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect the 2014-15 school year.