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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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School: Robert Frost Middle School	House	Senate

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An act to mandate a four-day school week.

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

Section 1: All schools within the Commonwealth of Kentucky will move to a four-day school week to save money for the state budget. Pay for teachers and administrators will remain the same. However, school districts will be able to save money on transportation, electricity, and food services. Meanwhile, Kentucky's students will have the opportunity to spend more time on enrichment activities: family time, sports, school projects, etc.

Section 2: In order to meet the state required 175 instructional days, each school district will condense their school week to four days. One hour and 45 minutes can be added to the end of each school day, increasing the school day from 7 hours to 8 hours and 30 minutes. Middle school and high school students would begin their day at 7:35 and end their day at 3:50, allowing plenty of time for extra-curricular activities. Elementary school students would begin their day at 9:05 and end their day at 5:30, eliminating the need for after-school child care. Each district has the option of which day each week will be cut.

Section 3: Schools that do not comply will lose funding; the same amount that would be saved through the bill. Local county taxes will have to compensate for the lost state funds.

Section 4: This bill will not cost the state any extra money. The Kentucky Department of Education will reallocate personnel to form a committee to enforce and manage the change.

Section 5: In order to give school districts time to readjust, this bill will go into effect in the 2015–2016 school year.