

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # HB 40						
	Referred to Committee: House 3						
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School: Drakes Creek Middle School							
City: Bowling Green							

1 An Act to Award KEES Money to Students Who Complete 80 Hours of Community Service

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

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5 Section 1: This bill would allow students who graduate high school with 80 hours of community service hours
6 to earn KEES money that recognizes their efforts. The purpose of this bill is to encourage volunteer work
7 because it is important for Kentucky to produce good citizens. Volunteering promotes leadership, creates a
8 sense of responsibility, and encourages social responsibility. This bill would also provide recognition and
9 incentive for students to help improve Kentucky communities by performing free community work.

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11 Section 2: Students with 80 hours of volunteer work during their high school years will receive a KEES money
12 award of \$150.00 per year of college. KEES money is scholarship money awarded to people in high school
13 with a GPA over 2.5 and who do well on the ACT college preparatory exam. This bill would add another way
14 to earn KEES money. Examples of community work includes volunteering at agencies such as the United Way,
15 homeless shelters, the Humane Society, Special Olympics and other similar organizations.

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17 Section 3: Schools will assign a responsible person for documenting and tracking the service hours for each
18 student. Students must obtain proof of service hours in the form of a letter with the letterhead of the
19 organization in which the volunteering was done, and turned in to the school designee. All volunteer hours
20 must be completed by April 15th of the graduation year. The school designee will turn in the names of
21 eligible students.

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23 Section 4: KEES money is currently funded by Kentucky Lottery Funds. The Kentucky Lottery Funds will fund
24 any extra KEES money that students may earn. Although there would be some rise in costs, each community
25 will benefit from the service.

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27 Section 5: This bill will be enacted August 1st of 2014. The first volunteer KEES money awards will be issued
28 to qualifying students of the graduating class of 2018.