

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # HBP 09						
	Referred to Committee: House 4						
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School: Grayson County Middle School							
City: Leitchfield							

1 An act to make elementary public playground handicapped accessible

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

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5 Section 1: All children love to play, and going on the swings, slides and jungle gyms of playgrounds is a large
6 part of their entertainment. Until recently, children who were disabled, especially those who were in
7 wheelchairs or had difficulty climbing, were not able to enjoy this recreation. According to the 2005 U.S.
8 Census Bureau report, at least 20 million American families are impacted by a disability of a member. In two
9 of every seven families, there are one or more family members who are disabled. Now, however, there are a
10 number of different companies that have developed accessible playground equipment for these kids. This bill
11 will require that each playground have a least one piece of playground equipment which is handicapped
12 accessible.

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14 Section 2: Normal and physically handicapped children should be encouraged to play together in a playground.
15 Many playgrounds are not handicapped accessible and this creates a separation between them. We must
16 increase the interaction between non handicapped children and the handicapped children and aid in creating
17 friendships and understandings. Playground equipment should be universally fun for everyone regardless of
18 their abilities. This bill will ensure that all disabled children get to have fun but will stay safe at school.

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20 Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.

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22 Section 4: The money needed will come from the Federal Budget Project, IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities
23 Education Act).

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25 Section 5: Any school not in compliance with this regulation will be given a warning and six months to
26 correct the situation. If not in compliance with this regulation will be given a warning and six months to
27 correct the situation. If not in compliance after the six months, the school will be fined \$5,000 and an
28 additional \$5,000 for each subsequent six months out of compliance.

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30 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby considered null and void.

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32 Section 7: This bill will go into effect August 1, 2014

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34 **Sources:**

35 *www.playcraftsystems.com

36 *<http://education.ky.gov/specialed/excep/Pages/default.aspx>

37 *<http://febp.newamerica.net/background-analysis/individuals-disabilities-education-act-funding-distribution>