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An act to provide domestic violence protection to unmarried partners.

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

Section 1: Kentucky is among a handful of states that does not provide court protection in domestic violence cases to unmarried partners, unless the two live together or have a child together. This bill would require county justice departments to consider providing domestic violence orders to any person with a complaint on someone they are or have been in a relationship with, not just someone they live with or have a child with. This provides college students and other young individuals who have been threatened by someone they have dated the opportunity to seek a legal domestic violence order.

Section 2: Filing of a legal domestic violence order (DVO) would become open to all who have been threatened by someone that is not a family member, not someone they live with and not someone they have a child with.

Section 3: If needed, an additional clerk may be hired in counties where an overflow of requests for domestic violence orders have been filed.

Section 4: This will be enforced the same as any other claim for a domestic violence order would be. If counties fail to comply with this, they face a fine of \$1,000.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.