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An act to fully fund a Wounded Warrior Program in the state of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Wounded Warrior Programs serve veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury while serving in combat missions abroad. These soldiers are given ongoing support and aide that goes towards readjusting to society after war. A wide variety of events, services, and programs are offered to these injured returning warriors. Funding will come from a percentage of lottery sales.

Section 2: We propose that Kentucky become the first state to fully fund a wounded warrior program for its Kentucky veterans returning from war who have suffered a physical injury and or mental injury to help them readjust to their civilian life.

Section 3: Once a soldier who is a citizen of the State of Kentucky comes home he or she will be provided an application from their commanding officer that will allow them to apply for the Wounded Warrior Program. Penalties will be for state bureau appointed to oversee enactment. Failure to expedite application for immediate services provided; head of bureau will receive a warning. Failure of bureau to act competently in providing services; head of bureau suspended. Failure of bureau to follow up that services are being provided to the proper veterans; head of bureau stripped of duty.

Section 4: If an injured service member is incapable of completing the application, it may be completed by an immediate family member with submission of proper documentation. This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2014.