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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

Red | Bill # SB 37

Referred to Committee: Senate 4

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School: Meade County High School	House	Senate
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An act to require public middle and high schools to have smoke detectors in bathrooms.

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

Section 1: Even though Kentucky ranks the highest in teen smoking there is no law requiring smoke detectors in public middle and high schools.

Section 2:In order to ensure that all schools receive the same reliable service, the state will purchase the wireless paging cigarette smoke detector systems from Voice Products LLC based in Cleveland, Ohio. The smoke detectors will be installed and monitored by the school. Battery life lasts one year, and should be checked every six months.

Section 3:The systems will alert two staff members (one male and one female if needed) when someone is smoking in the bathroom, through pagers. If students are caught smoking, they will be punished according to their school's policy.

Section 4:The smoke detectors will be paid for by a raise of \$.90 on cigarette tax. Resulting in a \$1.50 cigarette tax for one pack of cigarettes. In Kentucky there is a yearly revenue of \$170 million in taxes which funds college scholarships. By increasing the cigarette tax, there will be an increase revenue of \$284 million which will be used to pay for smoke detectors. Excess money will go to original funds.

Section 5:Failure to cooperate with this bill will result in disciplinary action from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 6:Section 4 will go in effect immediately after passage. The smoke detectors will be mandatory in all public middle and high schools after one year.