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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

Referred to Committee: House 4

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An act to require all schools; public, private schools grades first through high school senior is provided with a tutor if diagnosed with a chronic illness or disease.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to amend current law 704 KAR 7:120. states that a tutor is providing for one hour; two days a week. The law is over 55 years old. New law: a minimum of two hours; three days a week. This is an increase of two to six hours a week (including weekends, schedule to be determined by parents of student and assigned tutor to work around the students medical needs.)

Section 2: Kentucky has 3rd highest cancer rates. Several of our counties have higher cancer rates than the national average. 1 in 4 elementary schools have a child with cancer. Kentucky's diabetes rate jumped 115% in fifteen years. About 15% to 18% of children Chronic Health conditions (include but are not limited to): Asthma, Diabetes, Cerebral palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer, AIDS, Epilepsy, Spinal bifida, congenital heart problems

Qualifying students must be expected to be absent from school for a projected period of 15 consecutive school days or more as a result of physical or emotional problems or has a history of intermittent absences due to a chronic medical condition. High school students may qualify for services after an absence of 10 school days, if the absence is anticipated to last for at least 15 school days.

Section 3: Written notice from the student's physician, and or internist must be submitted to The Home/Hospital Review Committee and or the students enrolled school. The home/hospital review committee is to notify the principal of school within five business days to schedule services.

Section 4: The tutor will provide a minimum of two hours; three days a week. This is an increase of two to six hours a week (including weekends, schedule to be determined by parents of student and assigned tutor.). The principal and or designee will survey the approved student's current teachers to see who is willing to teach the student at home. The principal /designee will act according each county teaching contract, If and teacher from the child's school is unwilling to tutor the child then a replacement tutors can be taken by an established organization of retired teachers, or teaching interns.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on August 1, 2014.