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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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An act to require a complete background check on every staff member in a nursing home facility in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Before a nursing home facility employs or contracts any potential employee, the business will be required to complete a background check on every staff member. All employees, existing and potential, cannot be convicted of major felonies or violent crimes and still be able to work at a nursing home facility.

Section 2: The background checks will consist of a Kentucky State police background check and a FBI records request. Both business and potential employees will be notified of all results of background checks via certified mail. The price for each Kentucky background check is \$25. The nursing home owner will be responsible for supplying these background checks. Background check forms are available through the KSP and FBI websites and can be picked up at Kentucky courthouses.

Section 3: Current statues give an amount of \$4 million in grant funding to nursing homes for background checks. This expires September 30, 2014. This bill will extend this grant for one calendar year which would make it expire on September 30, 2015.

Section 4: The penalties for not having these background checks completed are:

20 1st offense: A fine of \$1,000

21 2nd offense: A fine of \$5,000

3rd offense: The business will be investigated by the Kentucky State Police and face possible closure of the

23 facility shall they fail to adhere to this bill.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect March 1, 2014.