

 <p><b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY United Nations Proposal</b></p>	<b>Proposal # 51</b>
	<b>Proposed by United Arab Emirates</b>
	<b>Committee: G</b>
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- 1 An act to mandate pre-surgery protocol for pediatric bariatric weight loss surgery for children under age 14.
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- 3 **Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations**
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- 5 Section 1: Bariatric Surgery: the surgical removal of parts of the stomach and small intestines to induce
- 6 weight loss. Bariatric surgeries include: Gastric Bypass and Adjustable Gastric banding such as LAP-BAND.
- 7 Recovery involves a six-week transition diet starting with clear liquids and puréed food. Patients eventually
- 8 can resume solid foods at much-reduced quantities. As they gradually can eat more as their stomach
- 9 stretches, this concludes in short term results rather than long term success. Many patients after one year
- 10 of having the surgery will gain back some of the weight, due to the stretching of the stomach, and not
- 11 receiving the desired results.
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- 13 Section 2: Rates of overweight and obese children age 5 and under are rising in much of the world and in
- 14 particular, the Middle East faces a growing weight-related health crisis. Overall obesity rates are recorded at
- 15 35.2%, Obesity rate for school-age children at 9.3%, obesity rate for pre-school age children at 6.0%, and
- 16 the total amount of bariatric surgeries in 2012 was 11,000. The rates of parents choosing surgical
- 17 procedures to correct childhood obesity is skyrocketing in the Middle East and is frequently chosen by
- 18 parents for their small children instead of a more medically sound option of proper nutrition and exercise.
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- 20 Section 3: Prior to committing to surgery to treat obesity, patients under the age of 14 must undergo one
- 21 year of nutritional counseling; meeting with a nutritionist various times before enduring surgery. Additionally,
- 22 the patient must visit an exercise physiologist to develop a diet and exercise plan. Once the patient has
- 23 completed the pre-surgery requirements for one year, the doctor will then have the decision whether to
- 24 continue on the exercise and nutrition plan, or to move forward with the surgery. Either conclusion being
- 25 chosen, this will result in the best outcome for their patient.
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- 27 Section 4: Countries of the United Nations who fail to abide by the regulations of this proposal, will cease to
- 28 receive funding from the World Health Organization (W.H.O.). W.H.O. will undergo reviews of hospitals; in
- 29 their findings, if a physician shows neglect, the hospital will be responsible for taking action.
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- 31 Section 5: This Proposal will be enacted one year after its approval.