KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY** **United Nations Proposal**	**Proposal # 40** **Proposed by Portugal**
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School: St. Patrick	**Action on Proposal**
City: Louisville	____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated

An act to make Secondary school in Portugal mandatory.

Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Justification Clause: In Portugal 30% of secondary school aged children drop out of school by the 6th grade to help their families financially. As a result, illiteracy rates and crime rates are high within the country along with a third of the population of people under the age of 25 are unemployed. We propose that secondary school be mandatory for children in Portugal and that a work study based curriculum be offered in the school system for those students whose families show financial need of their children working at home.

Section I: The work study program would allow those students to spend half of their school day in the school classroom and the other half of the day working and helping support their families. An application from the school would need to be filled out and approved by the school district to qualify for the work study.

Section II: No funding is necessary as Portugal already has an established National Education Council that oversees public education. This council would review all the applications and approvals for the work study program.

Section III: By raising the education levels in Portugal the illiteracy and crimes rates will reduce in the country.

Section IV: This proposal will go into effect at the beginning of the 2016 school year.