KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Blue | Bill # P10** **Referred to Committee: Senate 1**
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School: Lynn Camp HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Corbin	

An act to Improve School Security and Defense

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

Section 1: Due to the 187 percent increase in school shootings since the Sandy Hook incident in 2012, educators will be allowed to carry concealed weapons in school buildings.

Section 2: Funds will be made available for a maximum of three educators in every school building to carry a concealed weapon. All prospective candidates will undergo psychological and physical testing to determine mental and physical fitness. Tenured educators who volunteer will be the first test group. If not enough tenured educators pass, then the test will be opened to all volunteers. Educators passing the first test will undergo a physical fitness test. Educators with the three highest composite scores will be given concealed weapon training. Successful completion of both testing and training will permit educators to carry a weapon. Psychological and physical reevaluation will be administered every four years.

Section 3: Weapons will be non-automatic handguns, with firing capacity of less than 1500 feet per second. Weapons will be stored in gun safes, paid for through this act. Safes will be stored in a secure location decided by the school administration. Carriers will be responsible for collecting their weapon before the school day begins and storing their weapons at the end of the school day.

Section 4: Financing this act will cost approximately $1.6 million in its first year. Approximately $245,000 ($40 per person) will be used for psychological testing. $550,350 ($150 per person) will be allocated to concealed weapon, marksmanship, and safety training. Weapons will cost $660,000 ($180 per weapon). Safes for weapon storage will cost $122,300 ($100 per safe).

Section 5: Funding for this act will be obtained through the Kentucky Center for School Safety ($6.3 million available in funding). Any additional funding will be obtained through FEMA's State Homeland Security Program ($401.3 million available in funding).

Section 6: All weapons must be concealed and on the educator's person at all times, and may not be discharged except in response to an immediate threat to the lives of students or faculty members. If the weapon is visible to students, penalties range from revoking of the educator's concealed weapons license to a fine of 25% of his/her yearly salary. Discharging the firearm without an immediate threat will result in loss of weapon license and termination of employment in the school district. Further punishment will be decided by a court of law, pursuant to applicable criminal law.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.