

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Red Bill # P15						
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- 1 An act to extend the Debbie Smith Act in Kentucky that pays to reduce the DNA test backlog in rape cases.
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- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 5 Section 1: Presently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, thousands of rape kits are collecting dust in crime
- 6 labs across the state while many dangerous offenders remain at large. Recently in Detroit over 11,000 rape
- 7 kits were discovered and since testing over 100 serial rapists have been discovered. In Kentucky there have
- 8 been rape kits dating back to before 2010. Most counties are not even sure about how many untested kits
- 9 are in their labs. Currently, the average wait for testing rape kits in Kentucky is more than one year, as
- 10 victims wait for testing to be complete perpetrators are in our community searching out more victims.
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- 12 Section 2: The 2004 Debbie Smith Act created grants to help law enforcement agencies clear those backlogs,
- 13 but that bill has expired. This bill is created to extend this bipartisan and important bill. Labs need more
- 14 technicians to test rape kits and equipment to test it.
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- 16 Section 3: Testing a rape kits usually costs between \$1,000 and \$1,500. To do this the state of Kentucky
- 17 needs 1.1 million dollars of grant money. This money will be used for equipment, training, and hiring more
- 18 technicians.
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- 20 Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1st 2016 and would last for three years.