

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # P21						
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1 An act to increase availability of psychological services to domestic violence victims.

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

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5 Section 1: Domestic violence is a widespread problem across Kentucky with far-reaching effects. One of the
6 most traumatic effects is the psychological damage to domestic violence victims, including post-traumatic
7 stress disorder, depression and loss of self-esteem. Current laws assist victims in leaving an abusive
8 relationships, but increased, reliable psychological services must be provided to victims as well.

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10 Section 2: This bill will provide additional psychological services to domestic violence programs currently in
11 place across the state. Victims suffer psychological damage after escaping an abusive relationship, and
12 these services will help restore a healthy mindset.

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14 Section 3: Services will include therapists available for individual counseling and a weekly support group.
15 Therapy will be provided for up to one year for each victim. Support groups will be ongoing and victims may
16 attend for as long as needed. Services will be available for women, men, and children who are victims of
17 domestic violence.

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19 Section 4: Funds will be allocated for 80% of the cost of services through tax appropriations. The remaining
20 20% will be funded through insurance and/or private donations. Victims who receive these services will be
21 encouraged - but not required - to contribute when possible.

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23 Section 5: Participation in counseling services is completely voluntary. Accessibility to the programs shall be
24 in compliance with all Equal Opportunity laws and regulations. Policies and procedures for the program shall
25 include a stated agreement of responsibilities, including guidelines for respect from all participants and
26 employees.

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28 Section 6: This bill will take effect ninety days after passage.