

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 19						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
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- 1 An act to eliminate containment as a punishment for non-substance abuse juvenile status offenses.
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- 3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 5 Section 1: Juvenile status offenses are actions that are only considered crimes for minors. While alcohol and
- 6 tobacco consumption justly requires a minor to be detained, offenses such as truancy, running away from
- 7 home, and breaking county curfew (with passage of this bill) will no longer be punishable by time served in a
- 8 juvenile detention center or jail.
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- 10 Section 2: Current status offense punishments such as fines, revocation of driver’s license, and investigation
- 11 of the minor’s parents will remain in place to be used in non-substance abuse cases. Juvenile detention will
- 12 remain in place as punishment for substance abuse cases.
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- 14 Section 3: Kentucky is number two in the nation for jailing children. When combined with the first and third
- 15 ranked states, they account for 60% of all children detained in the nation.
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- 17 Section 4: A considerable amount of detained minors are in juvenile detention centers because they were
- 18 pushed to commit non-substance abuse status offenses due to environmental and psychological issues.
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- 20 Section 5: This bill will not require any funding, but will in fact save approximately \$210 a day for every
- 21 minor that is not detained due to the new law.
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- 23 Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Justice will enforce this bill.
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- 25 Section 7: This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.