

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 20						
	Referred to Committee: House 4						
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School: Oldham Co. HS							
City: LaGrange							
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1 An act to eliminate the requirement of taking foreign language classes for the hearing impaired.

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

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5 Section 1: Currently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, most high schools are requiring two or more years

6 of foreign language credits to graduate. This includes those students who are hearing impaired. This bill is

7 an act to exempt the requirement of hearing impaired students to have to take foreign language credits in

8 order to graduate.

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10 Section 2: The term "hearing impaired" refers to those who depend upon sign language and lip reading as

11 their form of communication.

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13 Section 3: There is no funding required to enforce this bill, due to the lack of resources to implement said

14 bill.

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16 Section 4: "Section 504 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is designed to help parents of students which

17 physical or mental impairments in public schools or publicly funded private schools, work with educators to

18 design customized educational plans." In order to enact this bill, the only change taking place would be the

19 ability of these students to edit their 504 plans to include foreign language classes as an option and not

20 required.

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22 Section 5: This does not mean that hearing impaired students do not have the option to take these classes

23 if they think they can handle the challenge or just want to. The bill is simply eliminating the requirement for

24 graduation.

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26 Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.