KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Red | Bill # 39** **Referred to Committee: Senate 2**
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School: Villa Madonna Academy	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Villa Hills	

An act to Require Affirmative Consent in Sexual Relations

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

Justification Clause: This bill would change the definition of consent in sexual assault cases to an affirmative and assertive statement, as opposed to silence or non-resistance. This definition would be used to help the victims of a sexual assault bring their assailants to justice. Over 237,868 individuals are sexually assaulted per year in the United States, and 97% of assailants will never spend a day in jail.

Section 1: Active consent must be ongoing through the relationship between the couple. Consent can be revoked at any time and after the consent of the person has been revoked it would be classified as sexual assault if there was no consent. For the person to give consent they have to be conscious, sober, and voluntary.

Section 2: The definition of consent would no longer include "silence is consent" and that lack of resistance is not consent. The fact that a couple is dating or married does not indicate consent for sexual relations. Past sexual relations does not mean that consent is still present in the relationship.

Section 3: This bill once passed would be enforced by the court system in cases involving sexual assault charges. This would prevent the accused from claiming to be unaware of the couple's status in the relationship.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect 90 days after its passing.