KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # 8** **Referred to Committee: Senate 3**
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School: Elizabethtown HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Elizabethtown	

An act to create a plan for indentured servitude.

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

In colonial times, indentured servants were placed under contracts by an employer upon arrival to the new world. This created a way for poor British citizens to have a new start in a new land. Our bill is the revival of indentured servitude, however, we are not indenturing foreigners and bringing them to our country, instead, we are acting upon the people of our own country.

The Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness conducted a survey and found that on an average night, there are roughly 6,500 homeless families and roughly 10,000 homeless individuals. Our plan will eliminate these high numbers and the majority poverty in our state.

The plan will set up a legally binding contract between an employer and a servant. Upper class families and a portion of middle class families will have the financial opportunity to pay for an individual to be their servant.

- People of all races and religions are eligible
- Legally binding contract between indentured servant and employer
- Consensual agreement
- Employer will provide housing, food, and healthcare but indentured servants will receive no pay
- Yearly increments can be determined through negotiations in the contract
- No abuse can be dealt to either member of the contract
- Indentured servants will receive all rights as an ordinary citizen
- Person of 18 years or older must be under servitude in order for a minor to be a servant as well

The contract will be construed and deemed constitutional by a legal party before any labor is enforced. To clarify, this bill is not reviving slavery. The emphasis is that this is a consensual agreement by both parties. If there are any complications, they will be dealt through normal judicial process.

Conclusion:

Upon success of this bill, the homelessness and poverty rate will decrease drastically because these individuals are taken off the streets and given a better life. They may not work to make a living, but they are working to live.