

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # 25</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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1 An act to require pregnant mothers being treated for drug addiction to attend regular counseling sessions  
2 and parenting classes.

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

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6 Section 1: This bill will require drug-addicted pregnant mothers to undergo counseling and parenting classes  
7 and show their progress throughout the program.

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9 Section 2: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) is a problem that arises in newborn babies who are exposed  
10 to addictive opiate drugs while in their mother's womb. Short term effects of NAS include jitteriness,  
11 irritability, stiffness of the baby, inability to sleep, and change in blood pressure and heart rate. The long  
12 term effects consist of neurological changes and a higher chance to become addicted to the drugs  
13 themselves.

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15 Section 3: With the enactment of this bill, physicians will be required to have their patients undergo  
16 parenting classes so that when babies with NAS are born they will have a healthy environment to go home  
17 to. The physicians will be in charge of producing a progress report of the mothers in the program to show  
18 that there is improvement taking place. This improvement will demonstrate that the mothers are becoming  
19 healthier for their child.

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21 Section 4: If this is not upheld, the baby will be taken from the mother by social service. Once the mother has  
22 proven they have progressed in the program their child may be returned. Also if the physician fails to hold  
23 these classes for the drug addicted mothers, it will result in a 2 week suspension of their medical license.

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25 Section 5: This bill will be funded through grants form Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)  
26 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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28 Section 6: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2015.