

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # 52						
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1 An act to hold guardians partially responsible for crimes committed by their dependents

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

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5 Section 1: When a minor commits a felony, an investigation will be conducted to determine if actions of the
6 guardians have had any negative influences on the minor who committed the crime. Investigations of the
7 familial situations will allow law enforcement to determine a parent's involvement in their dependent's crime.
8 If guardians are found to be exhibiting criminal or unsafe behavior, they can be prosecuted for crimes, or
9 help can be found for the family.

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11 Section 2: If a law enforcement officer discovers illegal activities similar to the crime the minor is charged
12 with, heavier penalties can be placed on the parent for his influence on the minor. If the investigation reveals
13 abuse or poor familial conditions within the household, the family shall attend court-ordered counseling at a
14 court approved councilor. Failure to attend the counseling will result in the guardians being held in contempt
15 of court, facing jail time or fines. Crimes dealing with illegal substances will require the guardians to attend a
16 class based on recognizing substance abuse. These classes will be instructed by police officers or
17 instructional video if necessary. Failure to attend these classes will result in being held in contempt of court.

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19 Section 3: Crimes involving guns will be investigated to determine that guns are handled safely by adults in
20 the household of the minor. If gun safety rules are violated, such as safe storage of guns and ammunition,
21 guardians will be charged with misdemeanor wanton endangerment. The responsibility of the guardian for
22 the minor's crime in the case of gun violence will be determined by the judge.

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24 Section 4: The sentence for the crime of a convicted minor will not be altered because of parental
25 responsibility.

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27 Section 5: The investigation of the guardian's home will require a search warrant, as per normal
28 investigation. The investigation shall be conducted by an officer of the law, and shall be carried out as
29 promptly as possible to diminish the chance of the tampering of evidence.

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31 Section 6: This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2014.