

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 57						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
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School: Trinity HS							
City: Louisville							
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1 An act to re-evaluate the certification process and ranking standards for elementary/middle school teachers
2 in Kentucky.

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

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6 Section 1: Presently, Kentucky is ranked thirty-seventh on a ranking done by the National Assessment of
7 Educational Progress. This is a problem and Kentucky has gone through many educational reforms to try
8 and so lve it. Most of the reforms have targeted the schools themselves. However, the problem does not
9 ste m from the schools, but rather the teachers within them. Thirty percent of elementary/middle school
10 teachers are incompetent for teaching in their field. This is due to the extremely low standards set for
11 teachers to be certified. All a prospective teacher must do is graduate college, pass the basic Praxis II
12 exam, and have fifty dollars.

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14 Section 2: What we intend to do with this bill is to raise those standards. The certification process will only
15 accept a bachelors degree in an accepted professional major. A prospective teacher will be required to take
16 the Praxis Series exams, and will need to complete a fifth year educational program (this includes
17 student-teaching). The standards for the teacher ranking system will also be revised. To be a rank three
18 you will need a teacher certification under the new certification process. To be a rank two you will need a
19 masters degree. To be a rank one you will need 30 more semester hours of graduate school.

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21 Section 3 : This bill would, in effect, raise the standards for teachers in Kentucky . This leads towards more
22 quality teachers and provides the children of Kentucky with a better education. Striving Kentucky towards
23 becoming a smarter state overall.

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25 Section 4: Any teachers who do not meet the qualifications of the new certification system will be denied a
26 certification. Teachers who have been certified by the old certification program will be grand-fathered in
27 and remain in their current rank.

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29 Section 5: This bill will bring no extra costs or fees to Kentucky. The only charge associated with it is the
30 fifty dollar application fee for a certificate, which is already charged under the old system.

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32 Section 6: Upon passage, this bill will be put into action five years after the end of the current school year.
33 This will allow any Education major students the ability to finish their schooling and still secure a job.