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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

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School:	Rowan Co. Senior HS	House	Senate
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1	An act to require all welfare recipients to be administered a dru	g test every 90 days.	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwe	alth of Kentucky	
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Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to require all welfare recipients to participate in mandatory drug testing

Section 2: Within the state of Kentucky, over 58,000 residents receive government assistance each month. Studies conclude that over 10% of welfare recipients show signs of substance abuse. The average amount received in a welfare check is around \$1000 per month.

every ninety days in order to keep receiving their government assistance.

Section 3: Within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, both blue-collar and white-collar workers are required to participate in random drug testing to keep their jobs. The purpose of our bill is to reduce the number of welfare recipients that abuse the system. We believe that any person that is dependent on government assistance should be required to a drug test every ninety days.

 Section 4: This bill will affect all Kentucky residents receiving government assistance. Participants that are found in non-compliance of this bill will have their monthly assistance revoked until they are willing to participate in the mandatory drug test. Offenses for failing to pass the drug screening:

• 1st offense: Warning will be given to participant(s) and government assistance will be withheld (up to 3

weeks) until participant(s) undergoes substance abuse counseling and drug testing.

• 2nd offense: Government assistance will be revoked (6mo-1 yr) and participant(s) will undergo additional substance abuse counseling/drug testing.

Section 5: The funding for this bill will come from money allocated within the department of Health and Human services.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1 2015.