KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Premiere Bill**	**Red | Bill # P31** **Referred to Committee: Senate 2**
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School: South Oldham HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Crestwood	

An act to protect all victims of dating abuse in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: With the admittance of this bill into law, suspects of dating abuse will receive equal criminal treatment as alleged spousal abusers.

Section 2: The main purpose of this bill is to revise Kentucky's current law's definition of abuse between any couple. Which, will then allow prevention and protection for victims of abuse to be put in place, as well as justice and consequences to be served to those rightly convicted.

Section 3: Protective orders- commonly known as restraining orders- will be attainable against any alleged abuser.

Section 4: If abuse is suspected or a protective order is violated by a suspect, the opportunity of being arrested and having to be tried by a jury will be available if there is sufficient evidence (i.e. witnesses, testimony from victim, physical evidence).

Section 5: Enforcement of this bill is identical to the enforcement already put in place against domestic violence laws. The only noticeable change is that domestic violence laws would extend to the simplest dating relationships.

Section 6: This bill will go in to effect on January 1st, 2015.