KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # 12** **Referred to Committee: House 5**
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An act to abolish the death penalty in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Currently, killing a human being by lethal injection in the Commonwealth of Kentucky is legal when they have been convicted and sentenced to the death penalty. This amounts to cruel punishment for those found guilty of a capital crime and is costly to administer in all phases of the criminal justice system.

Section 2: The affect of this bill would be to ensure all Kentuckians accused of a capital crime would not be subject to the option of a death penalty sentence. Rather, amending KRS 532, so as to replace it with life imprisonment without parole.

Section 3: This would effect persons previously sentenced to death whose dates of execution are scheduled after this law is enacted, commuting their sentence to life imprisonment without parole. It would repeal various statues relating to the imposition of the death penalty, as well.

Section 4: No additional funding is required to enforce this bill. It will actually save the state because of the cost and time it takes for cases on death row to complete the appeals process, which amounts to millions of dollars.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted following the adjournment of the session at which it is passed and subsequent signature of the Governor.