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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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School: Robert D. Campbell Jr. HS	House	Senate
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An act to establish and institute legal consequences for those charged with possession or use of tobacco products under the age of 18.

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

Section 1: Currently, it is illegal in Kentucky for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase tobacco products. Violations of this law are punishable by a fine of \$50 and 20 hours of community service work for the first offense within a one-year period, and a fine of \$200 and 40 hours of community service for a second or subsequent offense within a one-year period (KRS 438.311). Additionally, it is illegal in Kentucky for anyone under the age of 18 to possess or use tobacco products. However, there are no legal consequences other than confiscation by the law enforcement officer making the charge (KRS 438.350).

Section 2: This bill will revise KRS 438.350, so that anyone in Kentucky charged with smoking under the age of 18 will be held to the same consequences as those minors who purchase tobacco products.

1st Offense (within a one-year period) - \$50 fine and 20 hours of community service work

2nd or Subsequent Offense (within a one-year period) - \$200 fine and 40 hours of community service work

Section 3: All peace officers with general law enforcement authority and employees of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may issue a uniform citation for this offense.

Section 4: Upon passage, this bill will become a law on January 1, 2016.