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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill

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## Referred to Committee: House 2

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School: St. Patrick	House	Senate
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City: Louisville	🗆 Defeated	Defeated

An act to allow the executor of an estate to take control of, continue, or terminate any e-mail account of the deceased.

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

Section 1: This bill proposes that the executor of an estate upon request can be granted access to the decedent's e-mail account.

Section 2: Currently in Kentucky when someone dies the only option an executor can request the provider of the e-mail account to do is terminate the e-mail account.

Section 3: This bill would allow the executors to gain access to these accounts by the e-mail provider resetting the password for the executor. A written request for such access must be submitted along with a copy of the death certificate and a certified copy of the certificate of appointment as executor.

Section 4: It is estimated that 80% of the US population use e-mail. Our e-mails allow us access to other digital assets and internet accounts that we own and use for social networking, blogging, data storage, picture storage, financial information, payment information and many other things. When the access to e-mail is no longer available it is sometimes impossible to gain access to other digital accounts we use in our daily lives because our other digital accounts identify the link to our e-mails and if we need to reset our passwords to access the other accounts the information is sent to the e-mail account on file. Therefore, if we cannot access the e-mail we lose access to all other accounts. By gaining access to the e-mail account, this bill's intent is to allow executors to gain possession of the decedent's digital assets along with the decedent's physical assets through the probate court.

Section 5: This bill requires no funding and will be handled by the probate courts in the case of the decedent's estate.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the bill is passed