KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Legislative Bill**	**Blue | Bill # 24** **Referred to Committee: Senate 1**
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School: St. Patrick	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisville	

An act to make recycling free in Kentucky

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

Section 1: This Bill requires all counties of Kentucky to make recycling a free service to all citizens. Currently, only half the counties in Kentucky provide recycling free of cost. This promotes recycling in these counties and overall is bettering the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: Over 75% of our waste is recyclable but less than 30% is actually recycled. We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.

Section 3: There will be a one-time payment of $45 which will include a recycling bin. If you already have a bin you will pay a one-time payment of $15. After your one-time fee there will be no other payment needed for the service unless a replacement bin is necessary at the cost of $30.

Section 4: No funding is necessary as there are already recycling services established and the income of the recycling companies will not be affected because they will have more recycling coming in to process.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect March 1st, 2015.