

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill

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House 1

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School: Winburn MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	☐ Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to enforce the Federal Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) and add other needed restrictions and penalties.

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

Section 1: FERPA states a) Teachers may not share a students' educational or private information with students' peers or other unrelated teachers (that do not interact with the student from an educational perspective). b) Schools shall provide private space for students to use during tests, quizzes, surveys, etc. A private space could be a study cubicle or desks separated by a sufficient space to guarantee that others may not see the students tests or other information.

Section 2: This bill shall enforce FERPA and add other needed restrictions and penalties to ensure that the law receives appropriate attention and enforcement. This shall happen by creating strict punishments for non- compliance and adding other requirements. To prevent from online violations, the school board will moderate posts on a school blog/email for both teachers and students and punish anyone who violates this act.

Section 3: Through this bill, students will be ensured privacy and safety related to grades and educational records. This can also prevent bullying.

Section 4: If anyone violates this act, the following penalties shall apply:

- a. Adults shall be put on probation from teaching/occupation. Adults cannot be removed from their position unless a court hearing is provided. This does not apply to student teachers.
- b. Student teachers will be reported to the college and further penalty will be decided by the college. They will be removed from their student teacher position at the school. This will be added to their permanent record.
- c. Students will receive up to 3 days suspension. The school will decide how long the suspension will be depending on the extremity of the violation. If not a serious violation, it will result in counseling to decide on a penalty.

Section 5: Sufficient funds for resources (such as study cubicles) will be provided by Title 1. Schools that are not Title 1 will have the school board pay. They will also need to supply substitute pay for teachers filling in for those suspended from teaching.

Section 6: This will be monitored by the superintendent who has ultimate authority for enforcing the law and ensuring privacy upon students. The superintendent, in appropriate circumstances, delegate this authority to other school officials such as the principal.

Section 7: This bill will take effect on August 1st, 2015.