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An act to establish Leadership Corps in all Kentucky schools hosting grades six through eight.

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

Section 1: There is a positive correlation between leadership skills and student success. To foster those skills and give students more opportunities to learn and grow, the Commonwealth will require that schools hosting middle grade students implement a Leadership Corps class. Leadership Corps is a related arts class that is modeled after the JROTC program found at high schools across the commonwealth. As an added benefit, the classes are taught by veterans. This provides employment for many Kentucky veterans.

Section 2: Schools that house students in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade would be required to develop and implement a leadership corps class. Schools that are kindergarten through sixth would be exempt. Schools that are 6th through 12th and already house an ROTC program would also be exempt.

Section 3: The program will be implemented and monitored mutually by the Kentucky National Guard and the Kentucky Department of Education. Funding for the bill will come from the local school districts who will also hire and retain the instructors. Funding will be available for professional development from the Department of Education to ensure successful transitions into the program for instructors.

Section 4: Schools that choose to opt out of the program must show a compelling financial reason for not meeting the requirements of this bill.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect the year after approval.