

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 33						
	Referred to Committee: House 3						
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- 1 An act to prohibit adoption agencies or foster care programs receiving federal assistance from discriminating
- 2 against possible adoptive or foster parents.
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- 4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 6 Section 1: This bill is trying to stop federally funded adoption agencies from discriminating against a person's
- 7 marital status, race, sex, religion, age, or education when choosing potential adoptive parents.
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- 9 Section 2: In 2013, there were 6,800 children in foster care. Only 700 of those kids were adopted. Could
- 10 this number have been higher if there weren't discrimination? Of those adoptive parents 81% were to
- 11 married parents.
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- 13 Section 3: Every year the cabinet for Health and Family Services do random adoption inspections reviewing
- 14 adoption decisions that have made. If this service finds discrimination has occurred, the agency will lose half
- 15 of its federal funding. If discrimination continues, it will lose its funding, and the prospective persons being
- 16 discriminated against will have the option to file a lawsuit against the agency.
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- 18 Section 4: Adoptive parents will need to demonstrate financial stability and exhibit proof of a stable home
- 19 environment.
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- 21 Section 5: This bill will be of no cost to the state of Kentucky.
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- 23 Section 6: This bill will go into effect six months after it is passed.