

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</p>	Blue Bill # 43						
	Referred to Committee: House 4						
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School: North Oldham HS							
City: Goshen							

1 An act to require middle schools to require foreign language classes.

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

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5 Section 1: According to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, educating students
6 earlier in a second language enhances cognitive development and increases the likelihood of students
7 achieving fluency in the given language. Knowledge of more than one language allows students to develop
8 communication and collaboration skills at a young age, which is crucial to success in the modern workforce.
9 Thus, foreign language course opportunities need to be offered to all students in middle school.

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11 Section 2: Foreign language courses will be implemented by the site based decision making council of each
12 school. They will be optional courses offered as related arts classes.

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14 Section 3: Each school must hire at least one teacher that is certified in at least one language aside from
15 English. Priority should be placed on Spanish, French, and Chinese, the top three most used languages in
16 America, respectively. Teachers must have a Bachelor's degree in the language they are teaching as well as a
17 teaching certification.

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19 Section 4: The cost of implementing foreign language programs will be approximately \$45,000 per teacher
20 annually. Purchase of a class set of thirty textbooks will be optional and will cost an additional \$3,000.
21 Funding for foreign language programs will be derived from the school's annual instructional budget.

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23 Section 5: Students who choose to enroll in foreign language courses will take an end of course exam
24 administered by the state. Each school must achieve a 70% passing rate. Schools that do not achieve the
25 70% passing rate or comply with the addition of a foreign language program will receive a temporary partial
26 hold on funding.

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28 Section 6: This bill will go into effect for the 2016-2017 school year.