

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 55						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
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1 An act to require convicted heroin users undergo rehabilitation before incarceration.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Heroin affects a person mentally and physically. Those who suffer from addictions often have
6 difficulty acknowledging they have a problem and accepting treatment through rehabilitation programs. This
7 bill will require convicted users to attend a full rehabilitation and detoxification program once proven guilty
8 by the Grand Jury. The Casey Law allows parents, relatives, and/or friends to intervene when a loved one has
9 a substance abuse disorder by reporting them to authorities without fear of criminal prosecution to the user.
10 This bill will force all convicted users to attend rehabilitation.
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12 Section 2: According to "Let's All Work to Fight Drug Abuse" pamphlet published by L.A.W. Publications and
13 The Grant County Sheriff's Office, in 2012, 4.2 million Americans age 12 or older (1.6%) had used heroin at
14 least once in their lives. It is estimated that about 23% of individuals who use heroin become dependent on
15 it. As of 2013, at least 40 teens in rural Grant County have died from heroin. It is also a disturbing fact that
16 nine and ten-year olds are showing up in the emergency rooms and detoxification centers due to heroin.
17 Most Heroin addicts never even realize they have a problem, therefore becoming clean is challenge.
18 Detoxifying the body of a heroin user requires medical supervision. With professional help, it is possible to
19 get through the first difficult step of recovery, become completely drug free, and lower the percentage of
20 deaths due to heroin.
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22 Section 3: If people are caught in possession of heroin, but pass a drug test that shows they have no drugs
23 in their body, they are subject to 5 years of jail time. Following their imprisonment, they must complete 100
24 hours of community service per year, for a minimum amount of three years. If people are caught in
25 possession of heroin, and are found to have been using heroin, they must complete a minimum of six months
26 in a rehabilitation facility. After completing rehab, the users are given the option to either spend four years
27 in the military or ten years of incarceration with a minimum of 50% of their sentence being served before
28 being eligible for parole. If they choose to be enlisted into the military, they must complete random drug
29 tests at the military's discretion. If they test positive, they must go back to rehab and complete six months
30 of rehab and can face up to fifteen years of incarceration. If they test negative, they are to stay in the
31 military and complete their four year enlistment.
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33 Section 4: The Kentucky State Taxes' will cover the funding for Rehabilitation instead of Incarceration and
34 will start to do so by enforcing this bill upon passage.
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36 Section 5: This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.