

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill</p>	Red Bill # P7						
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1 An act to raise the wages of direct support professionals in Kentucky to \$10.04 per hour
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: A direct support professional is someone who provides hands-on services to an individual with a
6 disability, be it intellectual or developmental. DSPs are employed by businesses that provide care for people
7 with disabilities.
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9 Section 2: Presently in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, direct support professionals (DSPs) are regularly
10 paid minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour. Annually, this amounts to \$15,080, which is not enough money to
11 support a family, according to national poverty guidelines.
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13 Section 3: The national average for DSP wages is \$10.04 per hour, amounting annually to approximately
14 \$21,900 annually.
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16 Section 4: This bill will not apply to other nurses, because an average registered nurse (RN) in Kentucky
17 makes approximately \$56,000 per year.
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19 Section 5: The wage would be increased in annual increments of \$0.6975 in a 4-year process, at which
20 point the optimum wage (\$10.04 per hour) would be achieved.
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22 Section 6: Failure to abide by these new standards will result in standard wage infringement penalties.
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24 Section 7: The implementation of this bill will begin at the end of the taxing season (April 15th).