



**KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Legislative Bill**

Blue | Bill # 2

**Referred to Committee:
Senate 2**

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Action on the Bill

School: Arlie Boggs Elementary

House

Senate

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City: Eolia

1 An act to require food labels to disclose that meat or dairy products have been treated with growth
2 hormones or antibiotics that promoted growth.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: Farmers discovered many years ago that their livestock would gain 3% more body weight if they
7 were given small amounts of antibiotics on a regular basis. When given to dairy cattle the amount of milk
8 produced per cow increased greatly. This benefited the farmers' income per animal they raised. As with any
9 antibiotic, the more a human consumes the more resistant they become to that antibiotic strand. Farmers
10 are reaping the benefits financially of larger animals but our society is left searching for new cures to
11 common ailments due to overexposure.
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13 Section 2: This bill requires the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to mandate that all food products (meat
14 and/or dairy) must be labeled as "Contains Hormone" or "Contains Antibiotics" so that consumers may make
15 their own purchasing decisions about these products.
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17 Section 3: All food or food products that are commercially sold would be required to be labeled as containing
18 or not containing hormones and/or antibiotics.
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20 Section 4: This bill would go into affect on July 1, 2015. Each packaging plant would simply add this new
21 information to its existing labels. Grocers would not be able to purchase or sell any products that are not
22 properly labeled.