

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 33						
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1 An act to reduce the rate of newborn babies dependent upon illegal drugs.

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

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5 Section 1: In an effort to reduce the amount of newborn babies dependent upon illegal drugs or prescription
6 drugs used inappropriately during pregnancy, the Commonwealth of Kentucky must address the issue of
7 drug use during pregnancies. In 2000, the number of newborns hospitalized due to drug dependency was
8 29. That number has grown 3,000% percent over the past thirteen years to a staggering 950 newborns in
9 2013.

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11 Section 2: With expecting mothers already signing waivers for random urine drug tests during pregnancy,
12 our bill would mandate that all mothers be subject to drug tests during their pregnancies. If an expecting
13 mother tests positive for substance abuse, she will be required by law to go through steps to ensure her
14 health and the health of her unborn child.

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16 Section 3: The attending physicians would be required to report any positive drug tests to the Kentucky
17 Perinatal Quality Initiative Collaboration (KPQIC), a program already within Kentucky's healthcare system that
18 receives generous state and federal funding through grants and private benefactors.

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20 Section 4: The KPQIC will regulate the following offenses for expecting mother's testing positive for illegal
21 drug use during a pregnancy:

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23 1st offense- If a woman tests positive for illegal drug use during a pregnancy, they will receive a
24 medical warning from their physician informing them of all illegal substances found in their system and are
25 now required to undergo mandatory drug testing through the duration of their pregnancy.

26 2nd offense- Having tested positive for illegal drug use a second time, they will be required to attend
27 an educational seminar on the effects of illegal drug use in fetal development and abnormalities caused by
28 drug abuse during a pregnancy offered by the KPQIC.

29 3rd offense- With a third subsequent positive drug test, mothers will go through a mandatory
30 detox/rehabilitation program exclusively focused on the well-being of the unborn child and the mother under
31 the professional care of the KPQIC.

32 4th offense- The final consequence, after all previous attempt of education and intervention, is a
33 referral to an appointed state social worker and a court hearing to decide upon a course of action for future
34 custody of the child and legal action for the mother, which could include reclamation of the child or
35 prosecution.

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37 Section 5: This bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2015 upon passage and signature of the Governor.