

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # P1						
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1 An act to require drug testing to receive welfare benefits in the state of Kentucky.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Mandatory drug testing for K-TAP benefits in the state of Kentucky.
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7 Section 2: By implementing this act citizens will be drug tested by the Commonwealth of Kentucky prior to
8 receiving benefits. A lottery system will be implemented for random drug testing for all those receiving K-
9 TAP benefits ages 13 and above. Letters of notification will be sent via certified mail and will allow seven
10 days from time of notification for the drug test to be administered.
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12 Section 3: This bill would take effect on July 1, 2019, and would be funded by a statewide 1% sales tax
13 increase. Drug testing would be completed by each local Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
14 office. The office may choose to hire a state approved private company to perform their testing. Letters of
15 eligibility and ineligibility will still be the chosen form of communication and will be mailed within 30 days of
16 the administering of the test. Benefits for the next qualifying month will not be added to the EBT card for the
17 member that refused or failed the drug test. Once a person loses or is denied benefits they may reapply for
18 benefits after 90 days. A new drug test will be administered and must be passed before benefits can be
19 considered.
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21 Section 4: The purpose of this bill is to decrease the misuse of the K-TAP program. It is the purpose of K-
22 TAP to provide assistance to those in need in times that employment is not available to them. To be
23 employable these persons would need to be drug free. By completing random drug tests the state would no
24 longer provide assistance for those that are not employable. The ultimate goal would be for all citizens to be
25 work ready and drug free.