

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Premiere Bill	Blue Bill # P9						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
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School: Holy Name of Jesus School							
City: Henderson							
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1 An act to sentence expectant mothers with substance abuse problems to a secure maternal facility.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: As of September 2014 at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital alone, 204 babies were
6 born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) which indicates they were severely addicted to drugs. This is
7 an increase from the 154 born in 2013 and the 130 in 2012. Statewide, 955 babies were born with NAS in
8 2013. There needs to be an accountability system in place for expectant mothers who are active drug users.
9 The first step is a medium security maternal facility.
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11 Section 2: This medium security facility would offer substance abuse support, prenatal care, postnatal care,
12 early childhood learning, and mother-child bonding therapy for all residents. Children under five years of age
13 will be allowed to remain with their mothers in the facility and have access to public preschool and
14 kindergarten.
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16 Section 3: The benefit to the Commonwealth would be a savings of thousands of dollars in neonatal and
17 early childhood care for NAS babies and educational interventions for them when they enter public
18 education. Children who are born healthy will be able more likely to maintain physical and mental vitality
19 which is necessary for a strong workforce and solid family system. All of these will enhance the future of
20 Kentucky.
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22 Section 4: Intervening at the earliest level of life will decrease the risk of a future drug use, decrease the
23 need for serious interventions due to medical conditions caused by drug exposure prior to birth, and an
24 increase in the foundation of the family unit.
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26 Section 5: The birthing facilities will be located at two places in Kentucky. The University of Kentucky
27 Medical Center (location one) the Bowling Green Medical Center (location two). Those cities will also be
28 locations for the medium security maternal facilities.
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30 Section 6: This bill will be funded by reallocation of funds from the department of corrections, foster care,
31 the department of human based services, government grants, and an increase of .50 tax on tobacco and
32 alcohol sales. Additional funding will be obtained by adding a two dollar fee to court costs in cases such as
33 assault 4th degree, domestic violence, unlawful transaction with a minor, or any other criminal charge where
34 a child is a victim.
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36 Section 7: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2015.