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|  <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION<br/>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY<br/>Bluegrass Bill</b> | <b>Red   BG 13</b>  |              |               |                                     |                                     |                                       |                                       |
|   | <b>Referred to Committee:<br/>House 2</b>   |              |               |                                     |                                     |                                       |                                       |
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1                   An act to Establish Romeo and Juliet Laws in the Commonwealth 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: The Age of Consent in Kentucky is 16. The current law states that anyone engaging in sexual  
6 relations with someone between the age of 13 and the age of 15 can be prosecuted under 5 statutory  
7 sexual abuse charges. ‘Close in age’ means that if you are under the age of 16, you may consent to  
8 anyone up to 2 years older than you.  
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10 Section 2: This bill will establish the close-in-age exemption, commonly known as “Romeo and Juliet  
11 laws” in the commonwealth of Kentucky. Romeo and Juliet laws are put in place to prevent the  
12 prosecution of individuals between the ages of 13 and 15 who are in a consensual relationship when  
13 both are close in age to each other to also include 16 and 17 year olds, and one or both of the  
14 partners are below the age of consent. Romeo and Juliet Laws should be enacted to allow individuals  
15 that are between the age of 13 and 15 in consensual sexual relationships that are close in age to not  
16 be prosecuted for rape to include the ages of 16-17. If one individual is more than 2 years older than  
17 the defendant, they will still be prosecuted and fined.  
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19 Section 3: The current Kentucky law states that if the act of intercourse is to occur between a minor  
20 and someone who is either in an authoritative position, or someone who the minor is dependent on,  
21 then the minor cannot consent until they turn 18. Any acts that are sexual in nature between someone  
22 who is under 18 and someone they are dependent on may be classified as statutory rape, as it could be  
23 a violation of the authority and responsibility that is held over the minor. This portion of the law will  
24 not be altered.  
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26 Section 4: The following charges will be enforced according to any violations of this bill. The five sexual  
27 abuse charges are: Sodomy which is a class A felony which would entitle 20-50 years in prison – to  
28 include incest resulting in serious bodily harm, Rape in the first degree is a class b felony to include  
29 incest, which would entitle 10-20 years in prison. Sexual abuse in the first degree is a class c felony  
30 which entitles 5-10 years in prison, and unlawful use of electronic means to induce a minor to engage  
31 in sexual relations is class D felony which entitles 1-5 years in prison.  
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33 Section 5: No additional funding will be necessary as it is an amendment to the current laws and  
34 statutes.  
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