	Blue BG 20
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 5
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School: Mason Co. HS	House Senate
City: Maysville	☐ □ Passed □ Passed □ Passed □ Defeated □ Defeated □ Defeated

1	An act to increase funding for Social Services.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section I: The median annual wage for social workers in the U.S. in May 2015 was \$45,900. In
6	Kentucky, social workers only have a median annual wage of \$44,000. Some sectors of social workers
7	earn a median annual wage of less than that. An increase in funding would also help with supplies for
8	the clients.
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10	Section II: The money will be redirected from Corrections and Transportation to increase funding for
11	Social Services by 2 million dollars. This would allow for social workers to be paid overtime for the
12	nearly 8,000 social workers in Kentucky and help coordinate resources necessary for each type of
13	social worker to ensure the best care for clients.
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15 Section III: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2018.