KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Blue | BG 25** **Referred to Committee:** **House 5**
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School: Pikeville HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Pikeville	

An act to reduce dating violence through education

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

Section 1: Dating violence is a significant problem among all groups of people. For example, about 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year.

This bill will create programs and shelters for all ages and genders to reduce this number in Kentucky.

Section 2:
A. All students in grades 7-12 will participate in a one-hour dating violence prevention program offered in all Kentucky schools each year, and will be coordinated through the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers in each school district. Students will be separated by gender for the training. Students will also have access to other community programs for more help.

B. Voluntary training recognizing the signs of dating violence will be offered for parents annually, and will be coordinated through FRYSC in each school district.

Section 3: Statewide shelters that offer refuge, therapy and other programs to help all ages and genders who are dating violence victims will be established.

Section 4: This law will go into effect January 2017.