

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 31						
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1 An act to modify KRS 508.010 through KRS 508.040 in the Kentucky Penal Code.
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Currently the state does not distinguish between assault and battery. All battery charges
6 would be considered assault. The new modification will differentiate between the two charges.
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8 Section 2: KRS 508.010 through KRS 508.040 states that assault in the state of Kentucky is when a
9 person physically injures or attempts to injure another person without legal justification. Assault falls
10 under 6 sections of chapter 508 in the Kentucky Penal Code.
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12 Section 3: The state of Kentucky must modify chapter 508 in the penal code to resemble the 784
13 chapter penal code of Florida FS 784.011 –FS 784.045. FS 784.011 states that battery is when a
14 person who intentionally causes harm or uses a weapon will be guilty of a felony of the second degree.
15 Currently, FS 784.045 describes assault as an unlawful threat by word or act of violence. They will be
16 charged with a misdemeanor of the second degree.
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18 Section 4: The funds to train police officers to distinguish between battery and assault will come from
19 the funds that are already allotted for basic training.
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21 Section 5: The difference of charges between assault and battery will better indicate the indictments of
22 the severity of the charges brought against the accused.
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24 Section 6: Upon passing legislation, this ruling will be taken into effect on all cases not previously
25 begun before January 1, 2017.