

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Red   CW 8</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 4</b>						
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1                   An act to prohibit tobacco use in public schools in the state 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: This act proposes that all public schools in Kentucky be 100% tobacco free. In 2011, the  
6   percentage of youth in grades 9–12 who smoke cigarettes was 24.1% in our state. The range across  
7   44 states was 5.9% to 24.1%. We ranked 44th among 44 states. In 2013, Kentucky had the highest  
8   age-adjusted lung cancer incident rates in both men and women. The percentage of youth who used  
9   smokeless tobacco was 16.9% in 2011. The range across 40 states was 3.5% to 16.9%. We ranked  
10   40th among 40 states. The percentage of youth who smoked cigars was 17.5% in 2011. The range  
11   across 37 states was 5.0% to 18.3%. Kentucky ranked 35th among 37 states. The percentage of  
12   youth who currently use tobacco (i.e., cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, and/or cigars) is 31.9%. The  
13   range across 36 states was 7.8% to 31.9%. Kentucky ranked 36th among 36 states. Studies show that  
14   youth spend approximately 1/3 time in school environments. Tobacco free school polices can reduce  
15   youth smoking by 30%. This bill won't solve tobacco addiction, but it can help people think twice about  
16   picking a tobacco product.

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18   Section 2: This act encompasses entire school properties (includes vehicles on school grounds), before  
19   and after school events/activities, and any other school sponsored trips or activities, 24 hours, 7 days  
20   a week, and 365 days a year. An administrative figure(s) will enforce this policy

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22   Section 3: This bill would affect all students, staff, and visitors at all times. School administrators and  
23   resource officers, when applicable, would enforce this bill throughout the school day and at  
24   extracurricular events.

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26   Section 4: Schools would be required to update their policies to incorporate this change, detailing  
27   specific procedures for handling offenses. School site-based decision making councils would be  
28   responsible for revising school policies to include consequences for violation of this act.

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30   Section 5: This act, upon passage, would go into effect in the 2017-2018 school year.