

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 35						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 4						
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City: Lexington							

1 An act to revise sex education policies in Middle and High 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: Kentucky is ranked 8th in the nation in unplanned teen pregnancy rates. Teen pregnancy is an
6 issue that can potentially hurt the future success of those affected, such as a higher dropout rate in high
7 school and a greater chance of unemployment as a young adult. These teen pregnancy rates also hurt the
8 people of Kentucky by raising taxes to help aid the young mothers and fathers. This costs the state \$150
9 million each year.

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11 Section 2: This bill requires the revision of sex education policies for both Middle and High Schools in the
12 state of Kentucky from an abstinence only approach to a mandatory, comprehensive sex, health, and
13 wellness educational program. The program will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education,
14 who will check to make sure policies are followed by each school in the state of Kentucky.

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16 Section 3: The program will be taught to students in 7th and 10th grade. It will take place over a three
17 week period during a mandatory health class. The program will be taught by a certified sex education
18 teacher, who will undergo a training program in the summer in order to learn the new curriculum and
19 meet the education requirements stated in the revised project.

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21 Section 4: The curriculum will be revised in order to provide information on a wide variety of sex
22 education topics. The revised program will work in correlation with the current abstinence program to
23 incorporate different ideas such as contraception while also sticking with previously taught topics. The
24 program will also include more hands-on activities in order to better prepare students for real life
25 relationships. The program will be funded through a 5% increase in property tax for the state of
26 Kentucky. Money will be used to fund the summer training program, as well as to provide materials for
27 lessons and to better educate the students through demonstrations.