

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW 24						
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City: Louisville							
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1 An act to establish a maximum number of students in a seat on a school bus.
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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 bill will limit the number of kids on a school bus, as well as creating extra space for
6 large equipment; such as recreational items. According to the Kentucky Department of Education
7 (education.ky.gov) we have 9,855 registered buses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For the safety
8 of the students, a new ratio of student to a seat is needed - three students per seat on elementary
9 school bus runs, and two per seat on middle school and high school bus runs. Besides a set limit of
10 students on a school bus we need extra space as well. At least two seats on a bus (on located in the
11 front, and one in the back) should be used solely on storing extra circular items such as large, bulky
12 football gear, and larger instruments that cannot fit with two students.
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14 Section 2: This bill will provide safety for kids that ride on the school bus. With the ratio we are
15 proposing, students will be safely seated and will not be as injured in the event of an accident. Buffer
16 spaces on the bus will provide safety as well as convenience. Buffer spaces will allow large equipment
17 to not block the Emergency exit, which is dangerous in an accident.
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19 Section 3: According to the JCPS Burks Compound, an average 22 seat bus is \$120,000. For this
20 reason, we have purposed the ration so bus compounds do not have to spend so much of their budget
21 on new buses when, easily, we could move kids around so we do not have to buy as many buses.
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23 Section 4: Setting a bill to be passed is different than making sure it truly becomes effective. For this
24 reason, monthly camera check-ups would be needed to confirm that everyone on the bus is abiding by
25 the law.
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27 Section 5: This bill will become effective at the beginning of the 2017 school year.