KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Red | CW 27** **Referred to Committee: Senate 3**
Sponsors: Erin Little, Harrison Willard, Ashley Gast, Kylie Abernathy	**Action on the Bill**
School: Oldham Co. HS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: La Grange	

An Act relating to Adding a Jury to Child Custody Court

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

Section 1: Family court covers marriage, family disputes, divorce, and adoption.

Section 2: Currently, all family disputes settled in family court are decided by one judge. One judge is a problem because one judge could have a bias or sexist influence on his/her decision, which could ultimately change the lives of the family for the worse or the better.

Section 3: This bill would add a non visible jury of 5 or 7 members (upon request) to the court case. This way a false decision by a judge can be overridden by the jury. The jury would also bring in different points of view to help create a more valid consensus.

Section 4: Child custody court cases would be added to the list of court options for jury duty. This way, no matter what, a family court case will always have a jury because a citizen is required to show up for jury duty, or face the punishment.

Section 5: Laws on child custody: 1) Filing fees are $113- unless parent is low income 2) Parent chosen for custody makes major decisions for the child such as education, health and insurance. 3) Which parents have physical, and legal custody.