

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Blue   CW 11</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 4</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Daisy Helmuth, Abigail Pennington	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table> <tr> <td><b>House</b></td> <td><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Bryan Station HS							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							

1 AN ACT relating to requiring government funding for kinship care, or relatives taking in minors due to  
2 unfit household situations.  
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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6 Section 1: Currently in the state of Kentucky, there are over 8,500 children in out-of-home care,  
7 meaning they do not live with their biological parents. In an effort to reduce the financial strain on  
8 kinship caregivers, this bill will require the same opportunity for financial benefits to be provided to  
9 these caregivers as is in the foster care system.  
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11 Section 2: This bill will reduce the expense of the foster care system because training of kinship  
12 caregivers is not required. Additionally, it will reduce the necessity and frequency of costly visits by  
13 social workers to homes participating in the foster care system.  
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15 Section 3: This bill will also help to increase the quality of life of children in kinship care by creating  
16 stability though familiar environments, thus reducing emotional trauma that is common in children in  
17 the foster care system caused by lack of familiarity.  
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19 Section 4: The funding for this bill will manifest in the alignment of the foster care system and kinship  
20 care environment. By incentivising kinship care, some of the stress on the overwhelmed foster care  
21 system will be relieved and children will have alternative opportunities for a healthy upbringing and  
22 preservation of cultural and communal bonds.  
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24 Section 5: This bill will be enacted May 1st, 2018 to commemorate National Foster Care Month.