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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Committee: House 2

Sponsors: Elena Tarullo, Harrison Stites, Virginia Boyer, Zion Snardon	Action on the Bill	
School: Louisville Collegiate HS	House	Senate
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City: Louisville	Defeated	Defeated

AN ACT relating to repealing Medical Review Panels in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Currently, any potential plaintiff desiring to file a civil suit in court allegations against a health provider must first present the medical complaint to the State Medical Review Panels Branch of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services before a claim is brought to court.

Section 2: This bill will protect individual fifth amendment rights guaranteed by the US Constitution, as reiterated in the Kentucky Constitution Section 14, pertaining to the guarantee of due process of law. As well, the Fourteenth Amendment specifying no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of U.S. citizens nor deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

Section 3: The effect of this bill is to ensure citizens of the commonwealth that have been harmed by health providers a fair opportunity to seek justice. Those individuals that have been hurt to the most severe degree and/or are the most poverty stricken will benefit the most. This bill will reinstate legislative authority to the court system, rather than a medical review panel, with potentially unqualified representatives, that may not be versed in the law.

Section 4: This bill will save the state money by eliminating compensation to the individuals on the panel and their related travel expenses, plus any costs associated with establishing and maintaining this panel.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted following the passage and signature of the governor on January 1, 2018.