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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill | Blue CW 44 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: House 2 | | | | | | |
| Sponsors: Taylor Hoskins, Kori Matney, Ashlee Fiechter | Action on the Bill | | | | | | |
| School: North Laurel HS | | | | | | | |
| City: London | | | | | | | |
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1 AN ACT relating to allowing self-defense classes to be accepted as an alternative for the physical
2 education requirement for high school graduation.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: This bill seeks to amend KRS 156.160 section (a,2), "If a school offers the Reserve Officers
7 Training Corps program, the course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement
8 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law," to include, "If a school offers the
9 Reserve Officers Training Corps program OR self-defense classes, both courses shall be accepted as
10 meeting the physical education requirement for high school graduation notwithstanding other
11 provisions of law."
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13 Section 2: In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, nearly 50% of women and 20% of men are sexually
14 victimized in their lifetime.
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16 Section 3: Students will be able to effectively recognize criminal tactics and the realistic experience in
17 class so if it becomes necessary they have the self-defense skills to successfully fight back. Students
18 learn techniques for verbal de-escalation and boundary-setting, along with physical strategies for
19 dealing with standing confrontations, and practice these in simulated attack scenarios with an
20 instructor and peers.
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22 Section 4: School districts will be responsible for paying for the curriculum and materials required for
23 the implementation of self-defense classes. It is estimated that \$5,000 will be allotted for materials
24 and an additional \$1,000 will be spent on teacher self-defense certification per teacher. If a school
25 feels as though they are unable to pay for the cost of implementation, then the state will allow fees to
26 be mandated to students enrolling in self-defense classes at the discretion of site-based councils.
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28 Section 5: Upon its passage, the bill will be implemented prior to the 2019-2020 school year.