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## KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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## **Referred to Committee:** House 3

Sponsors: Ava Schumacher, Makena Brown, Olivia Roberts	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
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City: Goshen	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

AN ACT relating to restricting the entry of children lacking vaccinations on the account of religious doctrine into public schools.

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

Section 1: KRS 214.036 excludes children from mandatory vaccinations with a note from a physician affirming the vaccination process would be harmful to their health. Additionally, parents of children in the commonwealth that hold religious affiliations and/or beliefs that contradict with the process of vaccinating their children can withhold their children from getting vaccinated upon a sworn statement of their religious grounds. Nothing contained in KRS 158.035, 214.010, 214.020, 214.032 to 214.036, and 214.990 shall be construed to require the immunization of any child whose parents are opposed to medical immunization against disease, and who object by a written sworn statement to the immunization of such child on religious grounds.

Section 2: Children in both circumstances under KRS 158.035 in any event are able to attend public schools. Except as provided in KRS 214.036, no child shall be eligible to enroll as a student in any public or private elementary or secondary school without first presenting a certificate from a medical physician, osteopathic physician, or advanced practice registered nurse licensed in any state.

Section 3: The non vaccinated students attending public schools put their peers, teachers and administrators at an increased risk of contracting life-threatening diseases. Kentucky's authorization of these students admission into Public schools disregards the notion of public safety.

Section 4: This bill is a proposal to eliminate the allowance to bypass vaccinations as a result of religious exemptions and attend public schools as stated in KRS 158.035. This would omit the first sentence of the stated proposal in KRS 158.035, and omit the ability for parents to withhold their children from being vaccinated.

Section 5: There is no further funding for this bill.

Section 6: This bill will be adopted and overseen by the Kentucky Department of Health, under the Policy and Development Department, and will begin at the start of the 2018-2019 school year.