KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Red | BG 22** **Referred to Committee:** **Senate 1**
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School: Greenwood HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Bowling Green	

An act to require new mothers to be tested for illegal drug abuse that cause birth defects and drug dependency in infants.

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

Section 1: This bill will require mothers in the state of Kentucky to be tested for blood teratogen and illegal narcotics during labor and delivery. Mothers who test positive for side effects will have their newborns temporarily removed by the state's department of Child Protective Services upon discharge of the hospital to secure the child's welfare. If possible, the newborn will be placed with a family member. The mother will be cited for child endangerment if the questioned substances are not regulated or prescribed by the mother's physician. The purpose of our bill is to deter mothers from taking illegal drugs while pregnant and to protect the newborn child. In order for newborns to acquire a legal birth certificate mothers must be tested.

Section 2: An illegal drug is a drug that has limitations on its ownership or use by a government and is illegal in certain situations. A drug is any chemical that affects the human body or mind when it is swallowed, breathed in, or consumed in another way.

Section 3: A birth attendant or hospital administrator will be responsible for only administering birth certificates to newborns whose mothers have been tested. The state department of Child Protective Services and local law enforcement will administer the placement of the newborn and the citation for child endangerment.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2017.