

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 39	
	Referred to Committee: House 5	
	Action on the Bill	
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1 An act to require all public liberal arts colleges in Kentucky to offer American Sign Language as an alternative
2 foreign language course.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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6 Section 1: Many students in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are affected by dyslexia. In fact, research
7 shows that it occurs in 1 out of 10 people in our nation. Out of 53 public colleges in Kentucky, only 2 of
8 these colleges offer sign language as a foreign language credit. This is becoming a problem for many
9 college students because those affected by dyslexia have a more difficult time learning spoken language
10 rather than sign language.

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12 Section 2: Funding for this bill will come from the students. Tuition at these colleges will only rise, on an
13 average, \$7.00 per student. Of course, they will also have to pay for the materials for the class, but they
14 would have had to do this anyway for their foreign language class.

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16 Section 3: The college boards will enforce this bill. If a school fails to comply, they will be fined \$10 per
17 student. The money fined will go into public school funding.

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19 Section 4: This bill will go into effect in the Fall of 2017.