

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Blue   CW 7</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 3</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Breckinridge Co. HS							
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1 An act to end the statewide practice requiring high school students with Functional Mental Disabilities to  
2 drop out of high school after 12th grade.

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

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6 Section 1: Currently, under Kentucky Department of Education Regulations, students who are considered  
7 mentally handicapped and cannot meet state benchmark guidelines are not allowed to graduate from a  
8 Kentucky public high school.

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10 Section 2: This bill will enact a law that will require public high schools to offer an alternate route for high  
11 school completion leading to graduation and high school diploma.

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13 Section 3: School districts with greater numbers of FMD students will be most affected by this law.  
14 These school districts will have a decreased dropout rate; therefore increasing the amount of state  
15 funding these schools receive. More money for these schools means more money can be used to bridge  
16 the gap in special education.

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18 Section 4: This bill will also create an alternative diploma for graduating FMD students. There will be a  
19 statewide essay contest, beginning summer 2017, to name the diploma after a disabled individual who  
20 has helped inspire their respective community by being an active member in the workforce. This contest  
21 would honor Kentucky disabled citizens and advocate for the importance of educating our state's  
22 mentally challenged and disabled students.

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24 Section 5: This bill will set aside a statewide fund to accommodate one mentally competent student from  
25 each high school to help put him/her through a state funded college. This bill will help to build  
26 relationships between the community/workforce and schools by employing disabled adults in the  
27 workplace that would put them on the right track for life and let them achieve their God given potential.

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29 Section 6: This bill will go into effect in the 2017-2018 school year.