

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG 25						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 3						
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School: McCracken Co. HS							
City: Paducah							
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1 An act to require mental screening for Kentucky middle school and high school students

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

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5 Section 1: Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among Kentucky youth and the current rate of
6 suicide attempts has gone up from 17.0 in 2013 to 17.7 in 2015 according to the Youth Risk Behavior
7 Survey.

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9 Section 2: If enacted, this bill will make it mandatory for each student 6th through 12th Grade to have
10 a comprehensive mental screening for signs of depression and for mental health problems. They will
11 have to take this test before they can enter a state educational institution in the new academic year.

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13 Section 3: If a party has religious and/or ethical objections to taking the test, they may submit a
14 request to opt-out to their local school board. If a mental health issue is discovered by going through
15 the mental screening, the family of the child may submit a written financial aid request to the Kentucky
16 Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Funds for financial aid will come from the Kentucky Lottery
17 Fund and the sizes of the grants will be based off a set scale based off of the family's income and on
18 how expensive the treatment is.

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20 Section 4: If passed, this bill will take effect the school year immediately following its passage.