

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>Red   BG 3</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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1                   An act to expand welfare coverage with a new state benefits program.

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

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5   Section 1: Kentucky currently provides the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) to  
6   around 650,000 Kentucky residents to help pay for their meals. However, there are currently no  
7   government benefit programs to aid in the cost of necessary personal hygiene items. This bill proposes  
8   that a new government program, the SNAP Supplement Program, be created to aid in the cost of these  
9   items.

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11   Section 2: Personal care items included are as follows: Feminine Hygiene products (Tampons and Pads);  
12   Toilet Paper and Paper Towels; Dental Hygiene Products (Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Floss); Diapers  
13   and Baby Wipes; other basic hygiene products (such as Deodorant)

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15   Section 3: Recipients of the SNAP program will qualify for this Supplement Program. They will receive  
16   an amount each month equal to 1/5 of their monthly SNAP benefit to go towards these items. The  
17   average monthly amount received through SNAP is \$125, so most recipients would receive \$25 a  
18   month. The benefits will be loaded onto an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) each month.

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20   Section 4: Defined, an EBT card is a debit card that allows state governments to provide and track  
21   benefits to authorized recipients.

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23   Section 5: Kentucky allocates \$2.1 billion for SNAP each year. In order to cover all expenses of the  
24   Supplement Program, Kentucky would need to allocate \$1 billion dollars annually. In order to obtain  
25   these funds, sales tax would be raised from 6% to 8% to match the State of Indiana.

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27   Section 6: The program will be run by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

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29   Section 7: This bill will go into effect one year after its passing.