

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	Blue CW 29						
	Referred to Committee: House 3						
	Action on the Bill						
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1 An act to increase the safety of foster homes in the state of Kentucky

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

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5 Section 1: This bill aims to provide requirements for the quality of foster families/ foster homes as to
6 increase the quality of care and life for foster children across Kentucky.

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8 Section 2: Inspections of foster homes will continue to be performed by licensed social workers already
9 employed at the foster care agencies. The frequency of these inspections will increase to one
10 inspection randomly placed within 3-4 months of the previous one. The consequences of failing an
11 inspection will follow previously established procedures:

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- 13 • Loss of fostering license
- 14 • Cannot work with children
- 15 • Possible criminal charges

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17 Section 3: Foster families and people living in homes with foster children must not be allowed to smoke
18 nicotine products (e-cigarettes, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, etc.) in the presence of foster children, in
19 foster homes, or in vehicles used to transport foster children. If firearms are present in the home, they
20 must be locked away from accessibility by foster children in cabinets, gun safes, or other containers.
21 Ammunition must be kept separate from firearms. Foster parent (s) must participate in annual first aid
22 training, provided by the foster care agency, which is to include, but is not limited to the teaching of
23 CPR and fire prevention and safety. In addition, the foster home must be equipped with a portable,
24 working fire extinguisher.

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26 Section 4: The allocation of funds required for the passage of this bill will be obtained from already
27 existing grants by the Children's Bureau. This bill will be enacted the year after the bill is passed and
28 will apply to all foster homes and future foster homes in the state of Kentucky.