KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Red | CW 46** **Referred to Committee:** **House 3**
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School: Montgomery Co. HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Mt. Sterling	

An act to decrease the Kentucky state debt.

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

Section 1: The Kentucky Employees Retirement System is 81% underfunded. The teachers retirement system of Kentucky is 58% underfunded. Both of these pensions have been underfunded by at least 15% for the last 10 years. The problem we are encountering is that state employees are working for the mandatory 27 years but are retiring and they are outliving their retirements. The pension is underfunded because people are drawing out more than they put in.

Section 2: Our bill proposes to require that in order to draw unreduced benefits from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System a state employee must meet the rule of 90(age + service equals this value) and the member must be 57 years or older. The teachers retirement system of Kentucky requires that a teacher has the rule of 87(age + service equals this value)

Section 3: This will increase the amount of money flowing into the pension. The more time employees are having to work the longer they are paying into the pension.

Section 4: The withdrawal for the KERS pension will remain at the 2.5% of the annual salary that it is now. This bill will not alter the amount of money that a teacher nor the amount of money state employees are paying in per year, it is just adding more time for employees to pay into the pension to ensure that they give themselves enough money to live comfortably through retirement.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect August 1, 2017.