

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</b>	<b>Blue   CW 56</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Thomas Nelson HS							
<b>City:</b> Bardstown							

1                   An act to formulate a Safe Place/Gender Neutral bathroom in all public schools.  
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3                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5 Section 1: Safe places costs: Average size would be 300 to 400 square feet and would cost around  
6 \$39,207. Sponsors such as: The Louisville Youth Group, PFLAG Louisville and the LGBT Center of Rofl  
7 would be willing to donate/fundraise for the costs.  
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9 Section 2: While some people may be against spending money on this type of project, it would be very  
10 beneficial for numerous students because the number of teen in the LGBTQ community and the number  
11 of students being bullied for mental health issues is increasing. Safe Places would be available as  
12 desensitization for those with mental disabilities and a calming place for those with anger/anger  
13 management issues. The Safe Place would include a single stall bathroom that would be labeled as non-  
14 gender specific.  
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16 Section 3: Statistics regarding Safe Place:  
17       • LGBT students (6 1.1%) were more likely than their non-LGBT peers to feel unsafe or  
18       uncomfortable as a result of their sexual orientation.  
19       • Nearly all Kentucky LGBT students can identify at least one LGBT supportive staff member, but  
20       only 41% can identify 6 or more supportive school staff members.  
21       • LGBTQ students had fewer suicidal thoughts and attempts when schools had gay-straight  
22       alliances and policies prohibiting expression of homophobia in place for 3 or more years.  
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24 Section 4: This bill will go into effect June 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.