KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Blue | CW 8** **Referred to Committee: House 5**
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School: Boyd Co. HS	**House** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated **Senate** ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Ashland	

An act to create appropriate charges for teen sexting.

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

Section 1: In an effort to control the epidemic of teen sexting and decrease the extent of charges, the Commonwealth must implement a structured approach to address illicit materials possessed, created, distributed, or received by minors.

Section 2: The Federal Government defines Minors, as peoples under the age of 18. Federal law already prohibits the possession, creation, or distribution of child pornography. Sexting is defined as the sending of sexually explicit media through electronic means. Therefore, sexting of minors under KRS would constitute child pornography and therefore constitutes illicit materials.

Section 3: Penalties

- 1st offense:
  - 20 hrs. community service
- 2nd offense or offenses of 6 or more counts:
  - 50 hours of community service
  - Court Diversion Program
  - Offenses tried as six counts or more would be deemed a Class B misdemeanor. Class B misdemeanor=30-90 days in a juvenile detention center.
- 3rd offense:
  - Minimum of Class B misdemeanor with possible litigation for Class A misdemeanor based upon past offenses and counts.

Section 4: The judicial system already allots for implementation of the court diversion program responsible for teen sexting offenders. Community service is already a funded extension of juvenile delinquent programs in the state of Kentucky.

Section 5: The bill would go into effect on January 1, 2017.