KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Bluegrass Bill**	**Red | BG 6** **Referred to Committee: House 2**
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School: Lyon Co. MS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Eddyville	

An act to require all Kentucky public schools to employ a full-time guidance counselor.

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

Section 1: A certified school Guidance Counselor is considered someone who holds a Master's degree or higher in Counseling. They work with school staff, parents, and the community to create a caring, supportive climate, and atmosphere for students to achieve academic success. They help students develop the skills and strategies necessary to succeed academically and socially. On top of that, a counselor could also be required to be in charge of student's class schedules, grade reports, Infinite Campus, reporting cases of abuse and neglect to Child Protective Services, managing 504 plans, KPREP Testing, suicide prevention, teaching classes, and counseling students about day-to-day issues. In the United States, only 24 states require public schools to employ a full-time Guidance Counselor. Currently, the state of Kentucky does not require schools to have a full-time Guidance Counselor.

Section 2:This bill will require public schools to employ a full-time Guidance Counselor. It will effect all public school students in the state of Kentucky. Students will always have a confidante available that is trained to help them with emotional problems, as well as college and career plans.

Section 3: Each public school district will be responsible for funding the salaries of the necessary Guidance Counselors.

Section 4: This bill would pertain to every public school without a full-time Guidance Counselor in the state of Kentucky.

Section 5: This law will go into effect by the 2017-2018 school year.