

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 17						
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School: North Oldham MS							
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1 An act to require each new parent to attend a parenting seminar.

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

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5 Section 1: Kentucky does not currently have required pre-parental and parental classes for the whole
6 state. This bill will implement a system in which new parents will be able to understand how to care for
7 their child. In many cases parents can feel either overwhelmed and/or exhausted, or a lack of
8 responsibility because they don't know the proper way to supply their child with what they need, and
9 as a result, the child suffers greatly.

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11 Section 2: Each parent of the child will have to take 12 hours of a parenting class by the time their
12 child turns one year of age. They may choose to start the class at anytime, and may take it as many
13 times as they feel needed. There will be day care centers at the buildings where the classes are taught,
14 so that parents don't have to worry about their child's care while taking the classes.

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16 Section 3: At the end of each parent's 12 hours, they will take a brief test to verify that they know how
17 to properly provide and care for their child. If they fail, parents must take 3 additional hours
18 specifically on the content that they failed. Parents will take a test after each extra course they are
19 required to take, on the instruction they received. They must get every question correct to pass every
20 test, if they fail this test more than three times, extended help will be distributed to the parent.

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22 Section 4: If there are parents with a child age 5 or under when this bill is implemented, they must take
23 the class by a year from the date the bill goes into effect. Parents will only have to take this course for
24 their first child, unless there is more than a 9 year gap between their children.

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26 Section 5: This bill will require funding for the space and staff for these classes. Volunteers will be
27 encouraged and well trained. Each parent must pay \$60 for the 12 hour class, and \$20 for every
28 additional 3 hour class. Seeing that these classes are required to be able to care for their child, if it is
29 desperately needed, financial aid will be provided to those in need of it.

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31 Section 6: The penalty for parents not taking this class within a year from their child's birth will be a
32 \$3,000 fine. If the class is not taken by another year (2nd birthday of child), the penalty will be a
33 \$7,000 fine. If the class is not taken by another year after second offence (3rd birthday of child), Social
34 Services may look into why and could temporarily take your child from your home. All the money
35 regarding these fines will be put into these parental classes.

36 Section 7: This bill will go into effect on July 14, 2017.