

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW 28						
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1 An act to Require Part-time Employment for High School Students to Graduate
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Our bill will require students have a job for at least one semester in order to graduate from
6 high school. Research has shown that employers are troubled by graduates' lack of job skills. Many
7 report that young people are lacking in people skills and have trouble solving problems and
8 communicating effectively. Our bill will provide youth with experience in these skills that are lacking.
9 Having a part-time job will teach responsibility, build work experience, work ethic, insight into what it's
10 like to support themselves and their family, increase income, fill jobs in the state of Kentucky, and
11 decrease their chances of dropping out of high school. Having a job will also allow students to explore
12 jobs before choosing one. In addition, a study conducted by the National Research Council and Institute
13 of Medicine found that students who were able to balance school and work learned time-management
14 skills that made them successful later in life. Parents in America spend approximately 24.9 billion
15 dollars on their children between the grades of kindergarten through their senior year. If students had
16 a part-time job it would raise income for their expenses. A study done in 2000 by Singh shows that
17 students working more than 15 hours a week greatly affects in their academics, so we are not raising
18 the number of hours, but lowering it.
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20 Section 2: Our bill will require students to take a class for one semester in high school to focus on skills
21 to make them more employable upon graduation. In addition, a part time job, for one semester will be
22 required with a minimum of 10 hours a week. According to the child labor laws, 14 year olds are legally
23 allowed to work 18 per week. A study done in 2000 by Singh shows that students working more than
24 15 hours a week greatly affects their academics, so we are not raising the number of hours, but
25 lowering it.
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27 Section 3: Funding will be provided by the Kentucky Department of Education and be included in the
28 school's yearly budget - mainly hiring a teacher to teach the class and monitor the work experiences.
29 Each school district will be required to develop a plan for how the part-time job requirement will be
30 documented and reported to KDE. If a school district fails to develop a plan or provide the class,
31 funding from KDE will be decreased. The penalties for the students not participating will be failing to
32 meet the requirements for graduation.
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34 Section 4: This bill will take effect on the first day of the 2017-2018 school year.