

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW 12						
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1 An act to allow all preschool age children to attend preschool for free, if parents want their child to
2 attend.
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4 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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6 Section 1: Currently, in Kentucky, we have a public preschool program for students that qualify for the
7 program. Students qualify and can attend for free based on parent income, social skills, and other
8 educational needs. Many parents would like for their child to attend preschool, however, they can only
9 attend by paying tuition. This bill does not require students to attend preschool, rather it provides each
10 child an opportunity to attend preschool for free.
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12 Section 2: This bill will help preschool age children develop social and self regulatory skills, as well as
13 lay a foundation for future brain development. This bill will help students succeed in Kindergarten and
14 beyond. At preschool, they become exposed to numbers, letters, and shapes. More importantly, they
15 learn how to socialize by getting along with other children, sharing, and contributing as a team. Some
16 children aren't given the opportunity because they don't qualify during the preschool assessment or
17 their parents earn too much money.
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19 Section 3: Each year, children attend a preschool screening. During that time, teachers and
20 administrators decide who qualifies to attend the free preschool program. Other parents are given the
21 option to enroll their children, but for a price--they must pay tuition for their child to attend. This bill
22 would allow all students to attend preschool for free, regardless of parent income.
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24 Section 4: The cost to implement this bill will fall on the school system. The state would pay for
25 teachers, transportation, and food. The cost could be reduced by having morning preschool and
26 afternoon preschool; therefore, using the same teachers for both sessions. This will benefit school
27 systems in the long run, by preparing students and creating life-long learners.
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29 Session 5: Upon passage, this bill will go into effect during the next school year.