KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Red | CW 23** **Referred to Committee: Senate 4**
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School: Holy Spirit	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Louisville	

An act to Legalize Casino Gaming

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

Section 1: According to Chapter 528 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes gambling is illegal. While casino gambling is illegal, charitable gambling is legal in Kentucky. "Gambling" means staking or risking something of value upon the outcome of a contest, game, gaming scheme, or gaming device which is based upon an element of chance, in accord with an agreement or understanding that someone will receive something of value in the event of a certain outcome. A contest or game in which eligibility to participate is determined by chance and the ultimate winner is determined by skill shall not be considered to be gambling.

Section 2: According to USA Today in 2014, Indiana's government profited $2.61 billion, Missouri $1.77 billion, Illinois $1.64 billion, West Virginia $948 million dollars. Casinos create hotels and restaurants which create more jobs. Casinos create many jobs for unskilled employees. The large number of created jobs will strengthen Kentucky's economy. Casinos will attract more tourism, which also creates more business for Kentucky.

Section 3: According to the information on the profits from casino gaming in our surrounding states, casino gaming in Kentucky can raise substantial money for education and addiction programs. Twenty-five percent of the profits will be given to the Department of Education to use as they see fit. In addition five percent of the profits will fund programs that treat addictions. The Legislature will decide how the money is allocated to addiction services.

Section 4: Enforcement will come from the Department of Charitable Gaming. Violations of the casino gaming regulations will have three offenses:

- First Offense: Warning
- Second Offense: Fine of $100,000
- Third Offense: License revoked

Section 5: Upon passage, this bill to allow casino gaming will take effect immediately. Casinos will begin paying once they generate revenue.