

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW 36						
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1 An act to ensure all Kentucky newborns are sent home to a safe environment
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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: In 2013, 90% of infants who died by Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) had at least
6 one hazardous risk factor related to their sleep space. These factors include: the baby not being put
7 to sleep on their back; infants sleeping on a surface not intended for sleep such as an adult bed, couch,
8 car seat or swing; sharing a bed with an adult, or pillows, blankets, or other soft bedding. 50% of
9 infants deaths involved bed sharing. In the state of Kentucky, an infant is 70 times more likely to die a
10 sleep-related death than in a motor vehicle accident.
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12 Section 2: In Kentucky, every 5 days an infant dies in an unsafe sleep environment. Parents and
13 caregivers need education regarding this issue and statistics show what we are providing them with
14 now is not working. According to Kentucky Vital Statistics, SUIDs are the second leading cause of
15 infant deaths in Kentucky children.
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17 Section 3: We propose that every Kentucky infant have a home visit prior to leaving the hospital by a
18 social worker, healthcare worker, or certified home visitor to assess for safe sleep environment and
19 provide education to the caregivers on safe sleep. If a safe sleep environment can't be established the
20 worker will work with the caregivers to help provide a crib through a program called Cribs for Kids.
21 Follow up visits will be conducted weekly until the risk factors are determined to be reduced and the
22 infant is considered to be living in a safe sleep environment. These visits can be done through the
23 Kentucky HANDS program, local DCBS office, certified community health care workers.
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25 Section 4: Each year the department of health and human services are allocated money to a maternal
26 child health program one of the program focuses is on safe sleep environment. The money allocated to
27 this program can be used to pay for staff salary to provide our proposed bill.
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29 Section 5: We will begin our program July 1st, which is the start of budget year 2017-2018.