

 <p><b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b>  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Commonwealth Bill</b></p>	<b>Blue   CW 54</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>House 4</b>						
<b>Authors:</b> Katherine Henson, Annie Bohannon, Beppy Badgett	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Winburn MS							
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An act to abolish underage marriage in Kentucky.

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

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Section 1: Currently in Kentucky under law KRS 402.020(1)(d) marriage between two individuals under eighteen years of age is legal if parental consent is given. If enacted this bill will prohibit the marriage of two minors, or a minor marrying an adult under any circumstances.

Section 2: Currently in Kentucky a sexual relationship between a minor and an adult is classified as statutory rape and could lead to life imprisonment. Yet Kentucky’s current marriage laws allow minors to get married to adults even though it is illegal to be in a relationship.

Section 3: In Kentucky, marriage is defined as a socially or ritually recognized union or legal contract between spouses that establishes rights and obligations between them.

Section 4: An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence (age 18) is considered a minor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5: No additional funding will be required for this bill.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect 30 days after passage.