KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY** **Commonwealth Bill**	**Blue | CW 55** **Referred to Committee: Senate 1**
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School: Winburn MS	House: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated Senate: ____ ☐ Passed ____ ☐ Defeated
City: Lexington	

An act to require Kentucky public schools to provide a comprehensive sex education program by sophomore year.

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

Section 1: Every high school shall provide at least one comprehensive sex education course to be provided for their students, to be taught in freshman or sophomore year for the classroom.

Section 2: This course is required to provide information on contraceptives, sexually transmitted diseases, age of consent, and safe sex.

Section 3: Though required in high schools, this program and course will be highly recommended to be taught to 7th and 8th graders in middle school.

Section 4: To approve these programs, we will provide permission slips for parents to sign. If they do not sign the slip that permits their children to take part in the program, then they shall accept the responsibility of educating their children themselves. These students will be given alternative work instead.

Section 5: The money to fund these programs will be redirected from funding the Abstinence Only programs to these programs. Any additional funding will be provided by school fundraisers, or by the school board if necessary.

Section 6: If a school refuses to create and teach the program, after the first semester of non compliance, they will receive a warning. After the second semester of non compliance, representatives from the school board will check the school to make sure they have received adequate funding, and the school will be assisted in teaching the program. If, by the third semester of this bill being in effect, the school still refuses to make or put in effect this program, then representatives from the school board will be sent to check up on the school, and teachers or school employees may be removed from their posts where appropriate.

Section 9: This bill will be put into effect after the end of the 2016/2017 school semester, giving schools enough time to create and present the program by the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, when the bill will be properly enforced.