

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Blue   Bill # 2</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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1                   An act to monitor pregnancies in order to prevent birth defects and still births.  
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3                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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5   Section 1: Drinking alcohol or consuming drugs while pregnant can increase the chance of a child having a  
6   birth defect or being stillborn. Alcohol and drugs can cause permanent health problems for the child. Over  
7   3,000 children are born in the Commonwealth of Kentucky with birth defects every year. Side effects of  
8   drinking while pregnant include: behavior disorders, heart defects, speech disability, poor growth before and  
9   after birth, and even death. These issues can change a child's life forever.  
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11   Section 2: Our bill will be carried out when a pregnant woman goes to her doctor twice a month for her  
12   check-up by giving her a drug/alcohol test. The doctors will enforce this bill by giving the tests as they arrive  
13   at their appointment.  
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15   Section 3: If drugs or alcohol are found in their system, they will be educated on the harmful effects it would  
16   have on their child. If they are known to be addicted or abusing drugs or alcohol they will be sent to  
17   rehabilitation/therapy/counseling depending on how severe.  
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19   Section 4: Only a small amount of funding will be required. This is due to the fact that many medical facilities  
20   already have the equipment needed to perform drug/alcohol tests. Potential therapy will be completely paid  
21   for if the client is on welfare. Other clients will be responsible for paying the partial/full cost depending on  
22   what their insurance covers. The education of harmful effects will be given voluntarily by doctors. If a patient  
23   does not follow prescribed treatment for substance abuse, the following offenses will occur.  
24   1st offense: Doctor will call patient and remind of missed appointment for counseling  
25   2nd offense: Patient will be fined \$75 per counseling appointment missed  
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27   Section 5: This bill will take effect one year after it passes.