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|  KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill | Red Bill # 24 | | | | | | |
| | Referred to Committee: House 3 | | | | | | |
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| School: East Oldham MS | | | | | | | |
| City: Crestwood | | | | | | | |
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1 An act to require that all students must take a suicide prevention course as a mandatory subject in health
2 classes.

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

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6 Section 1: This bill will require students to attend a class in high school that will inform them about the
7 dangers of suicide and the importance of prevention.

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9 Section 2: The Department of Education will establish a 2 week long suicide prevention curriculum to be
10 taught in all high school health classes in the state of Kentucky. The class will be run by a committee of
11 volunteers that consists of: counselors, people with personal experiences, people who have been affected by
12 the result of suicide, and the health teachers. If they are not trained they will be required to take an online
13 suicide class that all teachers must take in order to teach. The 2 week long unit will teach students about
14 how suicide isn't an easy way out, how to prevent the thoughts of suicide, and how to actually prevent the
15 act itself. Some schools have addressed this briefly in school with things like a five minute video and
16 pamphlet, but this is nowhere near enough to convince students of the dangers.

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18 Section 3: This issue is way too important to ignore. Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for 10-14 year
19 olds and the 2nd leading cause of death for 15-24 year olds. Each year Kentucky loses about 600 people as
20 a result of suicide. Kentucky also ranks 12th in the nation in suicide.

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22 Section 4: Citizens of Kentucky will be a part by contributing to the start of this mini lesson, and by coming in
23 to talk to the students, if they themselves, have had a personal experience with suicide.

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25 Section 5: There is one offense for this bill. If the class is not being taught by that high school, state funding
26 will be taken away from the school.

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28 Section 6: This class costs the same as any other class, and all funding will come from the same place all
29 school funds come from, the local school board's budget.

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31 Section 7: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.