

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # 25</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 3</b>						
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<b>School:</b> East Oldham MS							
<b>City:</b> Crestwood							

1 An act to require the content of major world religions be taught as an elective class in high school.

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

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5 Section 1: This bill will require schools to provide an optional major world religions class available to all  
6 grades of high school. This class will teach the practices and morals of common religions in the effort to  
7 establish respect for them. The religions that will be taught will consist of the following: Christianity, Islam,  
8 Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Baha'i, and Atheism.

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10 Section 2: This curriculum will be created by the Kentucky Department of Education. The teachers, preferably  
11 in the Social Studies department, will then be trained on this curriculum. The Department of Education will be  
12 in charge of enforcing this law throughout Kentucky schools by sending representatives to each district at  
13 the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year to make sure there is a curriculum in place.

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15 Section 3: All high school students will be given the choice at the start of high school to join this optional  
16 elective class.

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18 Section 4: The students that decide to join this class will learn about religious tolerance, will learn how to  
19 respect major world religions, will learn the background of them, and will learn how to address their  
20 understanding into everyday life.

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22 Section 5: The consequences for a school not enacting this law and establishing a major world religions class  
23 will be the loss of state funding due to their failure to follow through with the law.

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25 Section 6: The money to pay for the teachers and the training will come from the school's budget.

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27 Section 7: This bill will take effect as of the 2015-2016 school year.