

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 35						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
Authors: Sarah Ball, Maddie Pass, Kaleb Geevarghese	Action on the Bill						
School: Sacred Heart Model School							
City: Louisville							
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1 An act to raise the age of emancipation in Kentucky to twenty-one (21)

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

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5 Section 1: The emancipation age in the state of Kentucky will be raised from eighteen (18) to twenty-one
6 (21) for all residents of Kentucky in the foster care system.

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8 Section 2: The initial cost will be funded through The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). The cost
9 of the additional three years in state care will be regained in savings due to reduction in food stamps and
10 government assistance upon emancipation.

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12 Section 3: Those older than eighteen (18) but younger than twenty-one (21) who have already aged out of
13 the system will be readmitted only upon review and approval by The Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
14 The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will offer assistance to youth in transition as they age out of
15 foster care. This assistance will be extended to ninety (90) days.

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17 Section 4: Those who are employed earning \$2,500 per month or more after the age of eighteen may not be
18 provided with extended emancipation. Emancipation for those earning \$2,500 or more per month will come
19 at age eighteen (18) unless deemed necessary upon review by The Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

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21 Section 5: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will enforce this law.

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23 Section 6: All past or current laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill shall be hereby considered null and
24 void.

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26 Section 7: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2015.