

1 AN ACT relating to a foster care student toolkit.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 (1) For purposes of this section, "foster care liaison" means the person designated
6 by a local school district to serve as the district's point of contact to collaborate
7 with the local child welfare agency regarding foster children.
- 8 (2) By January 1, 2024, the Kentucky Department of Education shall make available
9 a foster care student toolkit that includes information, resources, and tools to
10 assist school personnel with recognizing and meeting the unique educational
11 needs of foster children in furtherance of the educational rights enumerated in
12 KRS 620.363. The department shall collaborate with the Cabinet for Health and
13 Family Services to develop the toolkit.
- 14 (3) The foster care student toolkit shall include but not be limited to best practices
15 and guidance on:
- 16 (a) Complexities and challenges that impact foster care students;
17 (b) Educational barriers such as traumatization, high mobility, and
18 undiagnosed behavioral and health conditions;
19 (c) Supportive classroom practices;
20 (d) Trauma-informed practices; and
21 (e) Discipline and special considerations.
- 22 (4) At least once per school year, each school district's foster care liaison shall
23 provide information to the district's teachers, counselors, and administrators
24 about the availability of the foster care student toolkit and encourage its
25 utilization to positively impact the educational experience of foster care students.