

**CHAPTER 9****(HB 139)**

AN ACT relating to blood donation by a minor.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 214.468 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Any person seventeen (17) years of age or older may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, without consent of the person's parent or legally-authorized representative.
- (2) ***Any person sixteen (16) years of age and weighing at least one hundred ten (110) pounds may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, with the written consent of the person's parent or legally authorized representative.***
- (3) ~~However,~~ The parent or legally-authorized representative ***of a person who donates blood pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section*** shall not be held financially responsible for any medical complications arising from the blood donation.
- (4) Before soliciting blood donations from students in high schools, joint vocational schools, or technical schools, a blood program, in cooperation with school authorities, shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parents or legally-authorized representatives of the students that the students will be requested to donate blood.

**Signed by Governor April 7, 2008.**