

CHAPTER 78**(HB 79)**

AN ACT relating to the enrollment of refugee or legal alien students in schools.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 158.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, each school district shall provide an approved preschool school program through twelve (12) grade school service. An approved preschool school program through eight (8) grade school service shall be provided for the children residing in the district by maintaining schools. An approved high school service for all children of high school grade under twenty-one (21) years of age residing in the district shall be provided either by maintaining the schools within the district or by contract with another district. The board of education of any school district, subject to the approval of the chief state school officer, may establish night schools, industrial schools, and other schools for the residents of the district as it deems advisable.
- (2) *A school district may provide an approved high school program to a student who is a refugee or legal alien until the student graduates or until the end of the school year in which the student reached the age of twenty-one (21), whichever occurs first.*

Signed by Governor April 10, 2014.