

**CHAPTER 170****( HB 522 )**

AN ACT relating to state agency children.

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

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

- (1) *Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135(1), who is at least seventeen (17) years of age shall be eligible to seek attainment of a high school equivalency diploma.*
- (2) *Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt a student who has attained a high school equivalency diploma from the compulsory attendance requirements of KRS 159.010.*

**Signed by Governor April 10, 2017.**