

CHAPTER 23**(HB 204)**

AN ACT relating to sex offender registrants.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 17.545 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) No registrant, as defined in KRS 17.500, shall reside within one thousand (1,000) feet of a high school, middle school, elementary school, preschool, publicly owned *or leased* playground, or licensed day care facility. The measurement shall be taken in a straight line from the nearest property line ~~{of the school}~~ to the nearest property line of the registrant's place of residence.
- (2) No registrant, as defined in KRS 17.500, nor any person residing outside of Kentucky who would be required to register under KRS 17.510 if the person resided in Kentucky, shall be on the clearly defined grounds of a high school, middle school, elementary school, preschool, publicly owned *or leased* playground, or licensed day care facility, except with the advance written permission of the school principal, the school board, the local legislative body with jurisdiction over the publicly owned *or leased* playground, or the day care director that has been given after full disclosure of the person's status as a registrant or sex offender from another state and all registrant information as required in KRS 17.500. As used in this subsection, "local legislative body" means the chief governing body of a city, county, urban-county government, consolidated local government, charter county government, or unified local government that has legislative powers.
- (3) For purposes of this section:
 - (a) The registrant shall have the duty to ascertain whether any property listed in subsection (1) of this section is within one thousand (1,000) feet of the registrant's residence; and
 - (b) If a new facility opens, the registrant shall be presumed to know and, within ninety (90) days, shall comply with this section.
- (4)
 - (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, no registrant who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and has committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor shall have the same residence as a minor.
 - (b) A registrant who is eighteen (18) years of age or older and has committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor may have the same residence as a minor if the registrant is the spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, or court-appointed guardian of the minor, unless the spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, or ward was a victim of the registrant.
 - (c) This subsection shall not operate retroactively and shall apply only to a registrant that committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor after July 14, 2018.
- (5) Any person who violates subsection (1) or (4) of this section shall be guilty of:
 - (a) A Class A misdemeanor for a first offense; and
 - (b) A Class D felony for the second and each subsequent offense.
- (6) Any registrant residing within one thousand (1,000) feet of a high school, middle school, elementary school, preschool, publicly owned playground, or licensed day care facility on July 12, 2006, shall move and comply with this section within ninety (90) days of July 12, 2006, and thereafter, shall be subject to the penalties set forth under subsection (5) of this section.
- (7) ***The prohibition against a registrant:***
 - (a) ***Residing within one thousand (1,000) feet of a publicly leased playground as outlined in subsection (1) of this section; or***
 - (b) ***Being on the grounds of a publicly leased playground as outlined in subsection (2) of this section;***

shall not operate retroactively.
- (8)~~(7)~~ This section shall not apply to a youthful offender probated or paroled during his or her minority or while enrolled in an elementary or secondary education program.

Signed by Governor March 17, 2020.