

1 AN ACT relating to school attendance.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 159.070 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** Each school district shall constitute a separate attendance district unless two (2) or  
5 more contiguous school districts, with the approval of the Kentucky Board of  
6 Education, unite to form one (1) attendance district. Controversies arising in  
7 attendance districts relating to attendance matters shall be submitted to the  
8 Kentucky Board of Education for settlement. In case an agreement suitable to all  
9 parties cannot be reached, the Kentucky Board of Education may dissolve a united  
10 district. In case of dissolution, each school district involved may unite with other  
11 contiguous school districts in forming a united attendance district or may act as a  
12 separate attendance district.~~Within the appropriate school district attendance area,~~  
13 ~~parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to enroll their children in the public~~  
14 ~~school nearest their home.]~~

15 **(2)** ***The local board of education shall determine the attendance area of each school***  
16 ***in the school district. A student shall enroll in the school designated for the***  
17 ***attendance area in which he or she resides, except as provided in subsection (3)***  
18 ***of this section.***

19 **(3)** ***Upon written request to the local board of education, a resident student shall be***  
20 ***permitted to enroll in the public school nearest his or her home, unless capacity***  
21 ***of the nearest school would be exceeded or the school nearest the student's home***  
22 ***has academic or skill prerequisites for attending that school.***