

1 AN ACT relating to a school safety and crisis line.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.444 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate appropriate administrative
5 regulations relating to school safety, student discipline, and related matters.
- 6 (2) The Kentucky Department of Education shall:
- 7 (a) Collaborate with the Center for School Safety in carrying out the center's
8 mission;
- 9 (b) Establish and maintain a statewide data collection system by which school
10 districts shall report by sex, race, and grade level:
- 11 1. a. All incidents of violence and assault against school employees and
12 students;
- 13 b. All incidents of possession of guns or other deadly weapons on
14 school property or at school functions;
- 15 c. All incidents of the possession or use of alcohol, prescription
16 drugs, or controlled substances on school property or at school
17 functions; and
- 18 d. All incidents in which a student has been disciplined by the school
19 for a serious incident, including the nature of the discipline, or
20 charged criminally for conduct constituting a violation of any
21 offense specified in KRS Chapter 508; KRS 525.070 occurring on
22 school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at school
23 functions; or KRS 525.080;
- 24 2. The number of arrests, the charges, and whether civil damages were
25 pursued by the injured party;
- 26 3. The number of suspensions, expulsions, and corporal punishments; and
27 4. Data required during the assessment process under KRS 158.445; and

1 (c) Provide all data collected relating to this subsection to the Center for School
2 Safety according to timelines established by the center.

3 (3) **The Kentucky Department of Education shall:**

4 **(a) Establish a School Safety and Crisis Line to provide the following:**

5 **1. A means for an individual to anonymously report:**

6 **a. Unsafe, violent, or criminal activities, or the threat of such**
7 **activities at or near a public school;**

8 **b. Incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment, or hazing; and**

9 **c. Incidents of physical or sexual abuse committed by a school**
10 **employee or school volunteer; and**

11 **2. Crisis intervention, including suicide prevention, to individuals**
12 **experiencing emotional distress or psychiatric crisis;**

13 **(b) Provide the services described in this subsection twenty-four (24) hours a**
14 **day, seven (7) days a week;**

15 **(c) Provide the services described in this subsection via a dedicated telephone**
16 **line and a mobile application. A "mobile application" means an application**
17 **or a computer program designed to run on a smartphone, tablet computer,**
18 **or other mobile device;**

19 **(d) When necessary, or as required by law, promptly forward a report received**
20 **under this subsection to the appropriate school officials and law**
21 **enforcement officials; and**

22 **(e) Inform students, parents, and school personnel about the School Safety and**
23 **Crisis Line.**

24 **(4)** The Department of Education shall provide the Office of Education Accountability
25 and the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee with an
26 annual statistical report of the number and types of incidents reported under
27 subsection (2)(b) of this section. The report shall include all monthly data and

1 cumulative data for each reporting year. Reportable incidents shall be grouped in
2 the report in the same manner that the reportable incidents are grouped in
3 subsection (2)(b)1. of this section. Data in the report shall be sorted by individual
4 school district, then by individual schools within that district, and then by individual
5 grades within each school. The report shall not contain information personally
6 identifying any student. The reporting period shall be for an academic year, and
7 shall be delivered no later than August 31 of each year.

8 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ All personally identifiable student data collected pursuant to subsection (2)(b)
9 of this section shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Kentucky
10 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, KRS 160.700 to 160.730, and to the
11 federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g, and its
12 implementing regulations.

13 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Parents, legal guardians, or other persons exercising custodial control or
14 supervision shall have the right to inspect or challenge the personally identifiable
15 student records as permitted under the Kentucky Family Education Rights and
16 Privacy Act and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and
17 implementing regulations.

18 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Data collected under this section on an individual student committing an
19 incident reportable under subsection (2)(b)1. of this section shall be placed in the
20 student's disciplinary record.