

1 AN ACT relating to vision examinations.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 156.160 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) With the advice of the Local Superintendents Advisory Council, the Kentucky  
5 Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing  
6 standards which school districts shall meet in student, program, service, and  
7 operational performance. These regulations shall comply with the expected  
8 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Administrative  
9 regulations shall be promulgated for the following:

10 (a) Courses of study for the different grades and kinds of common schools  
11 identifying the common curriculum content directly tied to the goals,  
12 outcomes, and assessment strategies developed under KRS 158.645,  
13 158.6451, and 158.6453 and distributed to local school districts and schools.

14 The administrative regulations shall provide that:

- 15 1. If a school offers American sign language, the course shall be accepted  
16 as meeting the foreign language requirements in common schools  
17 notwithstanding other provisions of law;
- 18 2. If a school offers the Reserve Officers Training Corps program, the  
19 course shall be accepted as meeting the physical education requirement  
20 for high school graduation notwithstanding other provisions of law; and
- 21 3. Every public middle and high school's curriculum shall include  
22 instruction on the Holocaust and other cases of genocide, as defined by  
23 the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the  
24 Crime of Genocide, that a court of competent jurisdiction, whether a  
25 court in the United States or the International Court of Justice, has  
26 determined to have been committed by applying rigorous standards of  
27 due process;

- 1 (b) Courses of study or educational experiences available to students in all middle  
2 and high schools to fulfill the prerequisites for courses in advanced science  
3 and mathematics as defined in KRS 158.845;
- 4 (c) The acquisition and use of educational equipment for the schools as  
5 recommended by the Council for Education Technology;
- 6 (d) The minimum requirements for high school graduation in light of the expected  
7 outcomes for students and schools set forth in KRS 158.6451. Student scores  
8 from any assessment administered under KRS 158.6453 that are determined  
9 by the National Technical Advisory Panel to be valid and reliable at the  
10 individual level shall be included on the student transcript. The National  
11 Technical Advisory Panel shall submit its determination to the commissioner  
12 of education and the Legislative Research Commission;
- 13 (e) The requirements for an alternative high school diploma for students with  
14 disabilities whose individualized education program indicates that, in  
15 accordance with 20 U.S.C. sec. 1414(d)(1)(A):
- 16 1. The student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessment; and
  - 17 2. An appropriate alternate assessment has been selected for the student  
18 based upon a modified curriculum and an individualized course of study;
- 19 (f) Taking and keeping a school census, and the forms, blanks, and software to be  
20 used in taking and keeping the census and in compiling the required reports.  
21 The board shall create a statewide student identification numbering system  
22 based on students' Social Security numbers. The system shall provide a  
23 student identification number similar to, but distinct from, the Social Security  
24 number, for each student who does not have a Social Security number or  
25 whose parents or guardians choose not to disclose the Social Security number  
26 for the student;
- 27 (g) Sanitary and protective construction of public school buildings, toilets,



1 regulations shall require evidence of a vision examination that has  
 2 been conducted within the past year be submitted to the school. If the  
 3 vision examination is conclusive, then the evidence shall satisfy the  
 4 enrollment requirement. If evidence of an inconclusive vision  
 5 examination is submitted to the school, then the administrative  
 6 regulations shall allow for the student's enrollment, but require  
 7 subsequent annual vision examinations until evidence of a conclusive  
 8 vision examination is submitted.

9 4. The same vision examination may be submitted to satisfy the  
 10 requirements of both subparagraphs 2. and 3. of this paragraph if all  
 11 other requirements are met.

12 5. For a child's initial enrollment into grade six (6), the administrative  
 13 regulations shall also require evidence of a vision examination that  
 14 has been conducted within the past year be submitted to the school;

15 (j) 1. Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, a dental screening or  
 16 examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse,  
 17 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant that shall be  
 18 required by the Kentucky Board of Education. The administrative  
 19 regulations shall require evidence that a dental screening or examination  
 20 that meets the criteria prescribed by the Kentucky Board of Education  
 21 has been performed. This evidence shall be submitted to the school no  
 22 later than January 1 of the first year that a five (5) or six (6) year-old  
 23 child is enrolled in a public school.

24 2. A child shall be referred to a licensed dentist if a dental screening or  
 25 examination performed by anyone other than a licensed dentist identifies  
 26 the possibility of dental disease;

27 (k) The transportation of children to and from school;

- 1 (l) The fixing of holidays on which schools may be closed and special days to be  
2 observed, and the pay of teachers during absence because of sickness or  
3 quarantine or when the schools are closed because of quarantine;
- 4 (m) The preparation of budgets and salary schedules for the several school districts  
5 under the management and control of the Kentucky Board of Education;
- 6 (n) A uniform series of forms and blanks, educational and financial, including  
7 forms of contracts, for use in the several school districts; and
- 8 (o) The disposal of real and personal property owned by local boards of  
9 education.
- 10 (2) (a) At the request of a local board of education or a school council, a local school  
11 district superintendent shall request that the Kentucky Board of Education  
12 waive any administrative regulation promulgated by that board. Beginning in  
13 the 1996-97 school year, a request for waiver of any administrative regulation  
14 shall be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Education in writing with  
15 appropriate justification for the waiver. The Kentucky Board of Education  
16 may approve the request when the school district or school has demonstrated  
17 circumstances that may include but are not limited to the following:
- 18 1. An alternative approach will achieve the same result required by the  
19 administrative regulation;
- 20 2. Implementation of the administrative regulation will cause a hardship on  
21 the school district or school or jeopardize the continuation or  
22 development of programs; or
- 23 3. There is a finding of good cause for the waiver.
- 24 (b) The following shall not be subject to waiver:
- 25 1. Administrative regulations relating to health and safety;
- 26 2. Administrative regulations relating to civil rights;
- 27 3. Administrative regulations required by federal law; and

- 1           4. Administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with KRS  
2           158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, and this section, relating to measurement  
3           of performance outcomes and determination of successful districts or  
4           schools, except upon issues relating to the grade configuration of  
5           schools.
- 6           (c) Any waiver granted under this subsection shall be subject to revocation upon a  
7           determination by the Kentucky Board of Education that the school district or  
8           school holding the waiver has subsequently failed to meet the intent of the  
9           waiver.
- 10          (3) Any private, parochial, or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum,  
11          certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of  
12          Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.
- 13          (4) Any public school that violates the provisions of KRS 158.854 shall be subject to a  
14          penalty to be assessed by the commissioner of education as follows:
- 15               (a) The first violation shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) week's revenue  
16               from the sale of the competitive food;
- 17               (b) Subsequent violations shall result in a fine of no less than one (1) month's  
18               revenue from the sale of the competitive food;
- 19               (c) "Habitual violations," which means five (5) or more violations within a six (6)  
20               month period, shall result in a six (6) month ban on competitive food sales for  
21               the violating school; and
- 22               (d) Revenue collected as a result of the fines in this subsection shall be transferred  
23               to the food service fund of the local school district.