

1 AN ACT relating to high school programs.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.100 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, each school district shall provide an  
5 approved preschool school program through twelve (12) grade school service. An  
6 approved preschool school program through eight (8) grade school service shall be  
7 provided for the children residing in the district by maintaining schools. An  
8 approved high school service for all children of high school grade under twenty-one  
9 (21) years of age residing in the district shall be provided either by maintaining the  
10 schools within the district or by contract with another district. The board of  
11 education of any school district, subject to the approval of the chief state school  
12 officer, may establish night schools, industrial schools, ***virtual high school***  
13 ***completion programs under subsection (3) of this section,*** and other schools for  
14 the residents of the district as it deems advisable.

15 (2) A school district may provide an approved high school program to a student who is  
16 a refugee or legal alien until the student graduates or until the end of the school year  
17 in which the student reached the age of twenty-one (21), whichever occurs first.

18 ***(3) (a) A school district may provide an approved virtual high school completion***  
19 ***program designed to allow high school dropouts to complete high school***  
20 ***graduation requirements through the use of virtual instruction.***

21 ***(b) A student shall be eligible to enroll in a district's program if the student:***

22 ***1. Is a resident of the district;***

23 ***2. Had previously dropped out of a high school of that district; and***

24 ***3. Had earned at least enough credits to be designated as a junior at the***  
25 ***time of dropping out.***

26 ***(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b)1. and 2. of this subsection, a program may***  
27 ***enroll a nonresident if the nonresident:***

- 1            1. Dropped out of a high school of a district that no longer exists or a
- 2            district that does not offer a program under this subsection;
- 3            2. Provides a transcript evidencing the credits previously earned towards
- 4            graduation; and
- 5            3. Had earned at least enough credits to be designated as a junior at the
- 6            time of dropping out.
- 7            (d) To earn a high school diploma through the virtual program, a student shall
- 8            complete the high school graduation requirements of the program's district
- 9            that were or would have been applicable to the student at the time the
- 10           student dropped out of high school.
- 11           (e) A district may charge a student reasonable tuition and fees for the program.