

1 AN ACT relating to child abuse or neglect investigations.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 620 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section, "investigating agency" means the department or a law*
6 *enforcement agency that is conducting an abused or neglected child*
7 *investigation.*

8 *(2) A parent, guardian, or other custodian required to cause a child to attend school*
9 *in accordance with KRS 159.010 shall not withdraw, transfer, or in any way alter*
10 *a child's current enrollment in school with intent to hinder an active abused or*
11 *neglected child investigation.*

12 *(3) It is a defense to prosecution for an offense of subsection (2) of this section that*
13 *the parent, guardian, or other custodian received written confirmation from the*
14 *investigating agency that the investigating agency has been notified of the intent*
15 *to withdraw, transfer, or in some way alter a child's enrollment status and has*
16 *received an accurate mailing address, an accurate physical address, and the*
17 *accurate school of enrollment.*

18 *(4) An investigating agency conducting an abused or neglected child investigation*
19 *that receives a written notification of intent must provide confirmation of receipt*
20 *of the notification within forty-eight (48) hours.*

21 *(5) A violation of subsection (2) of this section shall be a Class A misdemeanor.*

22 *(6) A violation of subsection (2) of this section shall be a Class D felony if the parent,*
23 *guardian, or other custodian takes the child out of state.*