

1 AN ACT relating to transient public school students.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 *(1) For purposes of this section, "eligible student" shall mean a public school*
6 *student enrolled in kindergarten or grade one (1), two (2), or three (3) who*
7 *qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals or attends a school that*
8 *participates in the community eligibility provision of the National School Lunch*
9 *Program.*
- 10 *(2) When an eligible student changes his or her residence during the school year and*
11 *the change in residence results in the student being assigned to a different school*
12 *within the same school district, the parent or guardian of the eligible student*
13 *shall have the option to request the student, and any of the student's siblings*
14 *enrolled in the same school in any grade, remain enrolled in the original school,*
15 *regardless of the transportation decision made under subsection (3) of this*
16 *section.*
- 17 *(3) (a) Notwithstanding KRS 158.110, if the student remains enrolled in the*
18 *original school, the school district shall provide transportation to the*
19 *original school from the student's new residence, except as provided in*
20 *paragraph (b) of this subsection.*
- 21 *(b) The superintendent may deny the transportation request if he or she*
22 *determines the distance and travel time that the student would spend in*
23 *transport is impracticable. The district shall report the transportation denial*
24 *and supporting rationale to the Kentucky Department of Education.*