

1 AN ACT relating to juvenile justice.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 610.345 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) When a child is adjudicated guilty of an offense which classifies him or her as a  
5 youthful offender, the judge in the court in which the matter was tried shall direct  
6 the clerk to notify the superintendent of the public school district in which the child  
7 is enrolled or the principal of any private elementary or secondary school which the  
8 child attends of the adjudication and the petition and disposition of the case.~~The~~  
9 ~~name of the complainant shall be deleted. The court shall direct the appropriate~~  
10 ~~prosecuting entity to give the school district or the school a statement of facts in the~~  
11 ~~case. The superintendent shall notify the principal of the school in which the child~~  
12 ~~is enrolled.]~~

13 (2) When a child is adjudicated guilty of an offense which would classify him or her as  
14 a violent offender under KRS 439.3401, or be a felony under KRS Chapter 218A,  
15 508, 510, or 527 if committed by an adult, but which would not classify him or her  
16 as a youthful offender, the judge in the court in which the matter was tried shall  
17 direct the clerk to notify ~~[within five (5) days of the order]~~the superintendent of the  
18 public school district in which the child is enrolled or the principal of any private  
19 elementary or secondary school which the child attends of the charge, the  
20 adjudication, and the disposition of the case.~~The name of the complainant shall be~~  
21 ~~deleted. The court shall authorize the county attorney to give the school district or~~  
22 ~~the school a statement of facts in the case. The superintendent shall notify the~~  
23 ~~principal of the school in which the child is enrolled.]~~

24 (3) When a ***court-designated worker receives notice that a county attorney has made***  
25 ***a determination pursuant to KRS 635.010(1) that probable cause exists to file a***  
26 ***public offense petition alleging that the child committed an offense that, if***  
27 ***committed by an adult, would be a:***

1 (a) Felony; or

2 (b) Misdemeanor involving:

3 1. A controlled substance;

4 2. The possession, carrying, or use of a deadly weapon;

5 3. Physical injury to another person;

6 4. Sexual contact;

7 5. Sexual intercourse; or

8 6. Deviate sexual intercourse;

9 the court-designated worker shall notify the superintendent of the public school  
10 district in which the child is enrolled or the principal of any private elementary or  
11 secondary school which the child attends of the charge. If the complaint is  
12 successfully diverted, the court-designated worker shall notify the superintendent  
13 or the principal of the successful diversion, and all records of the incident or  
14 notification created in the school district or the school under this subsection shall  
15 be destroyed and shall not be included in the child's school records.

16 (4) When ~~petition is filed against a child, or~~ a child is adjudicated guilty of an offense  
17 that meets the criteria set forth in subsection (3)(a) or (b) of this section, ~~would~~  
18 ~~be a felony or misdemeanor if committed by an adult, and the misdemeanor~~  
19 ~~involves a controlled substance or the possession, carrying, or use of a deadly~~  
20 ~~weapon, or physical injury to another person,~~ the judge in the court in which the  
21 matter is considered shall direct the clerk to notify the superintendent of the public  
22 school district in which the child is enrolled or the principal of any private  
23 elementary or secondary school that the child attends of the charge, the  
24 adjudication, and the disposition of the case. If the petition is dismissed or  
25 informally adjusted, the clerk shall notify the superintendent or the principal of  
26 the disposition, and all records of the incident or notification created in the  
27 school district or the school under this subsection shall be destroyed and shall not

1 *be included in the child's school records.*

2 (5) The *notifications required in subsections (1) to (4) of this section*~~[notification]~~  
3 shall be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the *county attorney's determination*  
4 *pursuant to KRS 635.010(1), successful completion of diversion, or entry of the*  
5 *court order*~~[time when the petition is filed]~~. The name of the complainant shall be  
6 deleted. The~~[ court shall authorize the ]~~ county attorney *may, upon request by*~~[to~~  
7 ~~give]~~ the school district or the school, *provide* a statement of the facts in the case,  
8 not to include the complainant's name.~~[ If the petition is dismissed, all records of~~  
9 ~~the incident or notification created in the school district or the school under this~~  
10 ~~subsection shall be destroyed, and shall not be included in the child's school~~  
11 ~~records.]~~

12 (6)~~[(4)]~~ Notice~~[ of adjudication ]~~ to a district superintendent referenced in subsections  
13 *(1) to (4)*~~[(2) and (3)]~~ of this section shall be released by the superintendent to the  
14 principal *of the school in which the child is enrolled.* A principal of a public or  
15 private school receiving notice~~[ of adjudication ]~~ shall release the information to  
16 employees of the school having responsibility for classroom instruction or  
17 counseling of the child and may release it to other school personnel as described in  
18 subsection *(7)*~~[(5)]~~ of this section, but the information shall otherwise be  
19 confidential and shall not be shared by school personnel with any other person or  
20 agency except as may otherwise be required by law. The notification in writing of  
21 the nature of the offense committed by the child and any probation requirements  
22 shall not become a part of the child's student record.

23 (7)~~[(5)]~~ Records or information disclosed pursuant to this section shall be limited to  
24 records of that student's criminal petition and the disposition thereof covered by this  
25 section, shall be subject to the provisions of KRS 610.320 and 610.340, and shall  
26 not be disclosed to any other person, including school personnel, except to a district  
27 superintendent, public or private elementary and secondary school administrative,

1 transportation, and counseling personnel, and to any teacher or school employee  
 2 with whom the student may come in contact. This section shall not authorize the  
 3 disclosure of any other juvenile record or information relating to the child.

4 ~~(8)~~~~(6)~~ The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide a child's offense history  
 5 information pursuant to this section to the superintendent of the local school district  
 6 in which the child, who is committed to the department, is placed.

7 ~~(9)~~~~(7)~~ Records or information received by the school pursuant to this section shall:  
 8 (a) Be kept in a locked file, when not in use, to be opened only on permission of  
 9 the administrator; and  
 10 (b) For the purposes of destruction required in this section, not include  
 11 education records, as defined in KRS 160.700, created by the school.

12 (10) A superintendent of a public school district may designate an employee of the  
 13 school district to receive notices and carry out the superintendent's  
 14 responsibilities under this section. The superintendent shall provide the clerk and  
 15 the court-designated worker with notice of any designation and the name and  
 16 contact information for the superintendent's designee.

17 ➔Section 2. KRS 158.448 is amended to read as follows:

18 The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop protocols for student records  
 19 within the student information system which:

- 20 (1) Provide notice to schools receiving the records ~~[of prior offenses]~~ described in  
 21 Section 1 of this Act~~[KRS 610.345]~~ relating to~~[committed by]~~ a student  
 22 transferring to a new school or district;
- 23 (2) Promote expeditious enrollment and placement of students in foster care who are  
 24 transferring to a new school or district, in accordance with the federal Every  
 25 Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-95;
- 26 (3) Promote the sharing of information regarding students in foster care among schools,  
 27 districts, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and a child's caseworker,

1           pursuant to applicable law; and

2       (4) Protect the privacy rights of students and parents guaranteed under the federal  
3       Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

4       ➔Section 3. KRS 158.153 is amended to read as follows:

5       (1) Unless the action is taken pursuant to KRS 158.150, no school, school  
6       administrator, teacher, or other school employee shall expel or punish a child based  
7       on information contained in a record of an adjudication of delinquency or  
8       conviction of an offense received by the school pursuant to KRS 610.345 or from  
9       any other source. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit a local  
10      school board or school official from instituting disciplinary proceedings against any  
11      student for violating the discipline policy of the school or school district or taking  
12      actions necessary to protect staff and students. Actions to protect staff and students  
13      may be taken only after the principal makes a determination that the conduct of the  
14      student reflected in the records of the school or obtained by the school from the  
15      court indicates a substantial likelihood of an immediate and continuing threat that  
16      the student will cause harm to students or staff, and that the restrictions to be  
17      ordered represent the least restrictive alternative available and appropriate to  
18      remedy the threat, and that the determination and supporting material be  
19      documented in the child's record. The action of the principal, in addition to or in  
20      lieu of any other procedure available, may be appealed by the child or the child's  
21      parent or guardian to the superintendent of the school system or to the Circuit Court  
22      in the county in which the school is located, and the appealing party may be  
23      represented by counsel.

24      (2) **Except as provided in Section 1 of this Act,** no school, school administrator,  
25      teacher, or other school employee who has custody of records received or  
26      maintained by the school pursuant to KRS 610.345 or who has received information  
27      contained in or relating to a record received by the school pursuant to KRS 610.345

1 shall disclose the fact of the record's existence, or any information contained in the  
2 record or received from the record to any other person, including but not limited to  
3 other teachers, school employees, pupils, or parents other than the pupil, or parents  
4 of the pupil who is the subject of the record.

5 (3) The child and his parent or guardian shall have a civil cause of action against the  
6 school board and against any school administrator violating subsection (1) or (2) of  
7 this section or divulging information in violation of KRS 610.345 or 610.340. This  
8 civil cause of action shall be in addition to any other criminal or administrative  
9 remedy provided by law.

10 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a local board of education  
11 from establishing districtwide standards of behavior for students who participate in  
12 extracurricular and cocurricular activities, including athletics. A school principal  
13 may deny or terminate a student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular or  
14 cocurricular activities if the student has violated the local district behavior standards  
15 or the council's criteria for participation, as described in KRS 160.345(2)(i)8. A  
16 student's right to participate in extracurricular or cocurricular activities, including  
17 athletics, may be suspended, pending investigation of an allegation that the  
18 standards of behavior have been violated.