

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2025 REGULAR SESSION
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Amend printed copy of **SB 213**

Beginning on page 1, line, 3, and continuing through page 2, line 26, delete Section 1 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

"➔Section 1. KRS 159.030 is amended to read as follows:

(1) The board of education of the district in which the child resides shall exempt from the requirement of attendance upon a regular public day school every child of compulsory school age:

(a) Who is a graduate from an accredited or an approved four (4) year high school;~~[-or]~~

(b) Who is enrolled and in regular attendance in a private, parochial, or church regular day school. It shall be the duty of each private, parochial, or church regular day school to notify the local board of education of those students in attendance at the school. If a school declines, for any reason, to notify the local board of education of those students in attendance, it shall so notify each student's parent or legal guardian in writing, and it shall then be the duty of the parent or legal guardian to give proper notice to the local board of education;~~[-or]~~

(c) **Who is at least sixteen (16) years old and has:**

1. Successfully completed the civics requirement pursuant to KRS 158.141;

2. Successfully completed the financial literacy course or program requirement pursuant to KRS 158.1411; and

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Rep. Sen. Gex Williams

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3. Attained a High School Equivalency Diploma:

- (d)** Who is less than seven (7) years old and is enrolled and in regular attendance in a private kindergarten-nursery school;~~{or}~~
- (e)**~~{(d)}~~ Whose physical or mental condition prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school;~~{or}~~
- (f)**~~{(e)}~~ Who is enrolled and in regular attendance in private, parochial, or church school programs for exceptional children;~~{or}~~
- (g)**~~{(f)}~~ Who is enrolled and in regular attendance in a state-supported program for exceptional children; **or**
- (h)**~~{(g)}~~ For purposes of this section, "church school" shall mean a school operated as a ministry of a local church, group of churches, denomination, or association of churches on a nonprofit basis.
- (2) (a) Before granting an exemption under subsection (1)~~(e)~~~~{(d)}~~ of this section, the board of education of the district in which the child resides shall require submission to the board of satisfactory evidence in the form of a signed statement of a properly licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician's assistant, psychologist, psychiatrist, or qualified mental health professional as defined in KRS 202A.011 responsible for diagnosing and treating the child, stating that the diagnosed condition of the child prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school and requires home or hospital instruction. If the condition is mental health related, then the signed statement shall be completed by a qualified mental health professional as defined in KRS 202A.011. On the basis of such evidence, the local board of education may exempt the child from compulsory attendance.
- (b) Any child who is excused from school attendance more than six (6) months shall have two (2) signed statements from a combination of two (2) of the professional

persons in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection, except that this requirement shall not apply to a child whose signed statement certifies that the student has a chronic physical condition that prevents or renders inadvisable attendance at school and is unlikely to substantially improve within one (1) year.

(c) Exemptions of any student under the provisions of subsection (1)(~~e~~)(~~d~~) of this section shall be reviewed annually with the evidence required being updated.

(3) The Kentucky Board of Education may promulgate administrative regulations to establish the components of compulsory attendance and exemptions.

➔Section 2. KRS 158.143 is amended to read as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a state agency child, as defined in KRS 158.135(1), who is at least seventeen (17) years of age shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma.

(2) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, a student enrolled in a district-operated alternative education program shall be eligible to seek attainment of a High School Equivalency Diploma if the student:

(a) Is at least sixteen (16)~~seventeen (17)~~ years of age;

(b) 1. Is not on track to graduate, as defined by the local board of education policy; or
2. Has declared an intent to participate in a qualifying apprenticeship opportunity in a career area approved by the state board; and

(c) Has previously attained a passing score on an official readiness test for a High School Equivalency Diploma program authorized by the Office of Adult Education pursuant to KRS 151B.403.

(3) Notwithstanding KRS 159.010 or any school district policy adopted pursuant to KRS 159.010, a student who has attained a High School Equivalency Diploma in accordance with subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be exempt from compulsory attendance.

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- (4) **(a)** A local board of education shall adopt:
- 1.** A policy to define when a student enrolled in a district-operated alternative education program is not on track to graduate; **and**
 - 2.** **A policy to permit students to declare an intent to participate in a qualifying apprenticeship opportunity in a career area approved by the state board.**
- (b)** The ~~state~~[Kentucky] board [of Education] may publish a recommended model policy for local boards of education but shall not impose any restrictions or requirements upon the content of the local board policy.
- (5) The Kentucky Board of Education may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to establish additional qualifying apprenticeship opportunities pursuant to this section.**
- (6) For purposes of this section, "qualifying apprenticeship opportunity" or "qualifying apprenticeship opportunities" means an opportunity for an individual to study under and learn from a skilled employer, whether paid or unpaid, which is intended to aid in reaching professional aptitude, certification, licensure, or other achievement to enter the profession. Qualifying apprenticeship opportunities shall be in the following trades or professions:**
- (a) Building trades, including but not limited to plumbing and pipefitting, electrical, framing, home inspection, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, masonry, boilermaker, and carpentry;**
 - (b) Union and nonunion training or apprenticeship programs, including but not limited to the building trades, iron workers, sheet metal workers, welders, and laborers;**
 - (c) Healthcare professionals;**
 - (d) Diesel mechanics;**

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- (e) Facility maintenance;**
 - (f) Heritage trades, including but not limited to historic masonry, historic carpentry, plaster, historic painting, stained and decorative glass, historic window restoration, and wood flooring;**
 - (g) An apprenticeship pursuant to KRS Chapter 343;**
 - (h) An apprenticeable occupation as provided in 29 C.F.R. pt. 29; and**
 - (i) Any other trade or profession identified by the state board as available for a qualifying apprenticeship opportunity."**