

1 AN ACT relating to local school board student representatives.

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

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Beginning with academic year 2026-2027, each local school board shall include*  
6 *at least one (1) student representative to attend and participate in school board*  
7 *meetings, provide student perspective on issues, and learn about school district*  
8 *governance.*

9 *(2) A student representative shall:*

10 *(a) Be enrolled in a public high school in the district;*

11 *(b) Be classified as a junior or senior at the time of appointment;*

12 *(c) Have completed the requirement of KRS 158.141(1); and*

13 *(d) Serve at least a one (1) year term.*

14 *(3) Each local school board shall adopt a policy to implement this section that*  
15 *includes but is not limited to the student representative selection process,*  
16 *eligibility requirements, and terms of service. The policy shall include the*  
17 *following provisions:*

18 *(a) A student representative selection process shall include voting by high*  
19 *school students;*

20 *(b) An attendance policy that allows a student representative to miss a*  
21 *maximum of two (2) meetings;*

22 *(c) Permit a student representative to use video conferencing in meetings in*  
23 *the same manner as other members of the local board under KRS 61.805 to*  
24 *61.850;*

25 *(d) A student representative shall not be a voting member but shall be allowed*  
26 *to provide a nonbinding advisory vote on action items that is recorded in the*  
27 *minutes of the meeting;*

- 1        (e) A student representative shall not participate in executive or closed sessions  
2                    of a school board meeting; and  
3        (f) A student representative shall be afforded full participation in school board  
4                    meetings the same as other school board members, except as described in  
5                    paragraphs (d) and (e) of this subsection.