

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 appoint*
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. The student representative shall not be a voting member but shall be*
9 *allowed to provide a nonbinding advisory vote on action items that is recorded in*
10 *the minutes of the meeting. The student representative shall not participate in*
11 *closed sessions of a school board meeting.*

12 *(2) A student representative shall:*

13 *(a) Be enrolled in a high school of the district or be a resident of the district*
14 *enrolled in a public high school contracted to provide high school service*
15 *pursuant to KRS 158.100(1);*

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

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

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

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

23 *(a) A student representative selection process that shall include an election by*
24 *high school students;*

25 *(b) An attendance requirement that allows a student representative to be absent*
26 *from a maximum of two (2) board meetings;*

27 *(c) Authorization for the student representative to use video conferencing in*

1 meetings in the same manner as other members of the school board under
2 KRS 61.805 to 61.850; and
3 (d) A requirement that the student representative be afforded full participation
4 in board meetings the same as other school board members, except as
5 provided in subsection (1) of this subsection.