

1 AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements.

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) Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, to graduate from a Kentucky public*  
6 *high school with a regular diploma, a student in his or her final year of high*  
7 *school shall:*

8 *(a) Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form;*

9 *(b) On a form created by the local district, file a signed noncompletion waiver*  
10 *with the student's high school indicating that the parent or guardian of the*  
11 *student, or the student if he or she is at least eighteen (18) years old or*  
12 *legally emancipated, understands the purpose of the Free Application for*  
13 *Federal Student Aid form and has chosen not to file an application; or*

14 *(c) Be granted a hardship waiver in accordance with subsection (2) of this*  
15 *section.*

16 *(2) If a student is not able to fulfill the requirements of subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this*  
17 *section due to extenuating circumstances set forth in a policy approved by the*  
18 *local board of education, the superintendent may grant a hardship waiver to the*  
19 *student in accordance with the policy.*

20 *(3) Each local board of education shall develop policies and procedures to assist*  
21 *students in fulfilling the requirements of this section.*

22 *(4) The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop a process for local districts*  
23 *to report student data regarding the completion of the requirements of this*  
24 *section.*