

1 AN ACT relating to a foster care student toolkit.

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) For purposes of this section, "foster care liaison" means the person designated*
6 *by a local school district to serve as the district's point of contact to collaborate*
7 *with the local child welfare agency regarding foster children.*

8 *(2) By January 1, 2024, the Kentucky Department of Education shall make available*
9 *a foster care student toolkit that includes information, resources, and tools to*
10 *assist school personnel with recognizing and meeting the unique educational*
11 *needs of foster children in furtherance of the educational rights enumerated in*
12 *KRS 620.363. The department shall collaborate with the Cabinet for Health and*
13 *Family Services to develop the toolkit.*

14 *(3) The foster care student toolkit shall include but not be limited to best practices*
15 *and guidance on:*

16 *(a) Complexities and challenges that impact foster care students;*

17 *(b) Educational barriers such as traumatization, high mobility, and*
18 *undiagnosed behavioral and health conditions;*

19 *(c) Supportive classroom practices;*

20 *(d) Trauma-informed practices; and*

21 *(e) Discipline and special considerations.*

22 *(4) At least once per school year, each school district's foster care liaison shall*
23 *provide information to the district's teachers, counselors, and administrators*
24 *about the availability of the foster care student toolkit and encourage its*
25 *utilization to positively impact the educational experience of foster care students.*