

1 AN ACT relating to transient public school students.

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, "eligible student" shall mean a public school*
6 *student enrolled in grade one (1), two (2), or three (3) who qualifies for free or*
7 *reduced-price school meals or attends a school that participates in the community*
8 *eligibility provision of the National School Lunch Program.*

9 *(2) When an eligible student changes his or her residence during the school year and*
10 *the change in residence results in the student being assigned to a different school*
11 *within the same school district, the parent or guardian of the eligible student*
12 *shall have the option to request the student remain enrolled in the original*
13 *school.*

14 *(3) (a) Notwithstanding KRS 158.110, if the student remains enrolled in the*
15 *original school, the school district shall provide transportation to the*
16 *original school from the student's new residence, except as provided in*
17 *paragraph (b) of this subsection.*

18 *(b) The superintendent may deny the transportation request if he or she*
19 *determines the distance and travel time that the student would spend in*
20 *transport is impracticable. The district shall report the transportation denial*
21 *and supporting rationale to the Kentucky Department of Education.*