

1 AN ACT relating to school masking policies and declaring an emergency.

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

3 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding any state law, administrative regulation, executive
4 order, or executive directive to the contrary, beginning with the effective date of this Act
5 through June 30, 2023, a school district's COVID-19 school operations plan, as described
6 in 2021 (1st Extra. Sess.) Ky. Acts ch. 4, sec. 3, may require the wearing of masks
7 provided that a student's parent or guardian, or the student if he or she is at least age 18,
8 has the option to exempt the student from the mask requirement for any reason.

9 ➔Section 2. Whereas the students of the Commonwealth have endured the
10 wearing of masks in school during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the availability of
11 COVID-19 vaccinations provides for the easing and flexibility of COVID-19 restrictions
12 in schools to provide immediate relief to students, an emergency is declared to exist, and
13 this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise
14 becoming a law.