

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
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Amend printed copy of **HB 520/HCS 1**

On page 36, following line 13, insert:

"➔SECTION 12. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ
AS FOLLOWS:

(1) As used in this section, "opportunity school" means a school that has developed a plan of innovation in compliance with this section and has been approved by the Kentucky Board of Education to be exempted from certain administrative regulations and statutory provisions to improve the educational performance of students within the district.

(2) The Kentucky Board of Education is hereby authorized to approve opportunity schools for the purposes of improving students' educational performance, especially the performance of traditionally underperforming groups of students. Opportunity schools shall be exempt from all state statutes and administrative regulations applicable to a local school board, school district, or school, except that opportunity schools shall adhere to the same health, safety, civil rights, and disability rights requirements as are applicable to all public schools. The initial approval of an opportunity school shall be for a five (5) year period. Each renewal of an opportunity school shall not exceed five (5) years and shall comply with administrative regulations promulgated by the board pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.

(3) The Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations to

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prescribe the conditions and procedures to be used by a school to be approved as an opportunity school.

(4) Administrative regulations promulgated by the board under subsection (3) of this section shall specify:

(a) The application, plan review, approval, and amendment process for a school;

(b) Timelines for initial approval as an opportunity school, the renewal process, and on-going evaluative procedures required of the district;

(c) Acceptable documentation of parental and business support and capacity to effect a change;

(d) The approvals required of the plan by certain employees of a school;

(e) The process of revocation of the designation of opportunity school;

(f) Reporting and oversight responsibilities of the school and the Kentucky Department of Education;

(g) The financial detail relating to budgets of schools and evidence of sound fiscal management practices;

(h) Acceptable areas of emphasis for innovation; and

(i) Other components deemed necessary to implement this section.

(5) A school which is an applicant to be designated as an opportunity school shall:

(a) Establish performance targets for the opportunity school proposal, which shall include one (1) or more of the following:

1. Significantly reducing achievement gaps among groups of public school students by expanding learning experiences for students;

2. Increasing student learning for all students as evidenced by performance on state assessments or college entrance examinations;

3. Significantly increasing the number and percentage of students graduating

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- high school with industry-recognized credentials, advanced placement credit, articulated credit, or dual credit;
4. Significantly increasing the number and percentage of high school graduates who enroll in a postsecondary education institution or training program immediately following high school graduation; or
5. Significantly increasing the number and percentage of high school graduates that successfully complete thirty (30) or more postsecondary credit hours within one (1) year after high school graduation;
- (b) Have an opportunity school plan that describes and provides rationale for the innovative practices to be employed;
- (c) Provide documentation of parental and local board support of the proposed innovations; and
- (d) Document the fiscal and human resources the board will provide throughout the term of the implementation of the innovations within its plan.
- (6) The opportunity school shall:
- (a) Ensure the same health, safety, civil rights, and disability rights requirements as are applied to all public schools;
- (b) Ensure students meet compulsory attendance requirements under KRS 158.030;
- (c) Ensure that high school course offerings meet or exceed the minimum required under KRS 156.160 for high school graduation or meet early graduation requirements that may be enacted by the General Assembly;
- (d) Ensure the student performance standards meet or exceed those adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education, including compliance with the statewide assessment system specified in KRS 158.6453;
- (e) Adhere to the same financial audits, audit procedures, and audit requirements as

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are applied under KRS 156.265;

- (f) Require state and criminal background checks for staff and volunteers as required of all public school employees and volunteers within the public schools and specified in KRS 160.380 and 161.148;
- (g) Comply with open records and open meeting requirements under KRS Chapter 61;
- (h) Comply with purchasing requirements and limitations under KRS Chapter 45A and KRS 156.074 and 156.480;
- (i) Provide overall instructional time that is equivalent to or greater than that required under KRS 158.070, but which may include on-site instruction, distance or virtual learning, and work-based learning on nontraditional school days or hours; and
- (j) Provide data to the Kentucky Department of Education as deemed necessary to generate school and district reports."