GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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SENATE BILL NO. 201

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The following bill was reported to the House from the Senate and ordered to be printed.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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1 AN ACT relating to school entrance age.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 158.030 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) "Common school" means an elementary or secondary school of the state supported
5 in whole or in part by public taxation. No school shall be deemed a "common
6 school" or receive support from public taxation unless the school is taught by a
7 certified teacher for a minimum school term as defined by KRS 158.070 and every
8 child residing in the district who satisfies the age requirements of this section has
9 had the privilege of attending it. Provided, however, that any child who is six (6)
10 years of age, or who may become six (6) years of age by October 1, shall attend
11 public school or qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 159.030. Any child
12 who is five (5) years of age, or who may become five (5) years of age by October 1,
13 may enter a primary school program, as defined in KRS 158.031, and may advance
14 through the primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS
15 158.031(6).

16 (2) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, any child who is six (6) years of age, or
17 who may become six (6) years of age by August 1, shall attend public school or
18 qualify for an exemption as provided by KRS 159.030. Any child who is five (5)
19 years of age, or who may become five (5) years of age by August 1, may enter a
20 primary school program, as defined in KRS 158.031, and may advance through the
21 primary program without regard to age in accordance with KRS 158.031(6).

22 (3) Each local school board shall adopt a policy to permit a parent or guardian to
23 petition the board to allow a student to attend public school who does not meet the
24 age requirements of subsection (1) or (2) of this section. The policy shall include an
25 evaluation process that will help determine a student's readiness for school ***and***
26 ***shall ensure that any tuition amount charged under this policy is the same***
27 ***amount charged to a student who meets the age requirements of subsection (1) or***

1 ***(2) of this section. Students enrolled under this policy shall be included in a***
2 ***school's average daily attendance for purposes of funding as provided in KRS***
3 ***157.310 to 157.440***.

President of Senate

Speaker-House of Representatives

Attest: _____
Chief Clerk of Senate

Approved _____
Governor

Date 3/23/15