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## PRESS RELEASE

### **UPDATED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAW FOR FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

Beginning this school year, there is an important update to Kentucky's School Attendance Law (KRS 159.140). Under the new legislation, the Director of Pupil Personnel will now be required to notify the County Attorney's office by filing a petition when a student accumulates 15 or more unexcused absences throughout the academic year.

We understand that there are times when absences are unavoidable. Families are encouraged to refer to the student handbook to familiarize themselves with the policies regarding excused absences. Our primary goal remains to collaborate with families to support students' educational progress and to address any barriers to consistent school attendance.

Should your child approach the threshold of 15 unexcused absences, it is important to be aware of the potential involvement of the county attorney's office as mandated by this new law.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school administration or the Bracken County Schools Central Office.

More information regarding chronic absenteeism can be found here: [Chronic Absenteeism](#)

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