

Senate Bill 97

Compulsory Dropout Age

JCPS Board of Education Report
March 25, 2013



Overview of SB 97

Legislation permits local boards to increase the dropout age to age 18

First year for possible implementation 2015-16 school year

When 55% of all local school districts adopt such a policy, it then becomes mandatory 4 years later

KDE must approve district plan

Where we are now

533 students under 18
dropped out during the
2011-12 school year

121 students under 18
earned a GED during
the 2011-12 school year

Current Dropout Prevention Practices



Early
identification
of at-risk
students

Early academic
and social
interventions
for at-risk
students

Home visits
and
family/parent
engagement

Supportive
services and
programs

Keys to Success

Effective Instructional Practices

Phoenix School of Discovery

Jefferson County High School

JCPS eSchool

Liberty High School

Teenage Pregnancy Program (TAPP)

Future Considerations

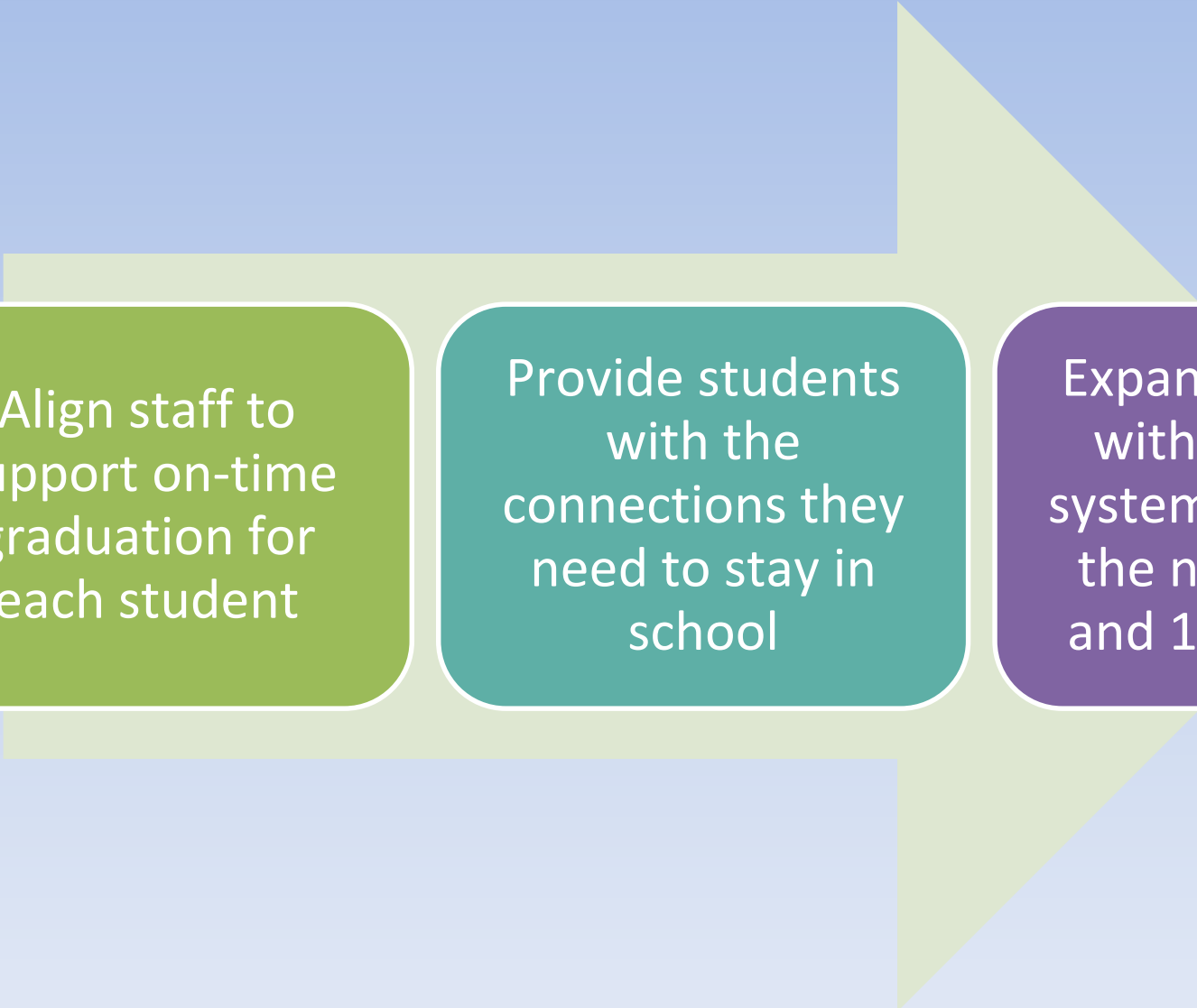


Develop
communication
plan to educate all
stakeholders

Refine truancy
policies and
procedures to
address 16 and 17
year olds

Expand alternative
pathways and
innovations in both
regular and
alternative schools

Future Considerations



Align staff to support on-time graduation for each student

Provide students with the connections they need to stay in school

Expand our work with the court system to address the needs of 16 and 17 year olds

Positive Impacts

Opportunity to improve
overall Graduation rate

Opportunity to design
innovative ways to
engage at-risk students

Every JCPS
Student
Graduates
Prepared

Opportunity to produce
more college/career
ready adults

Overall positive impact
on community and
workforce

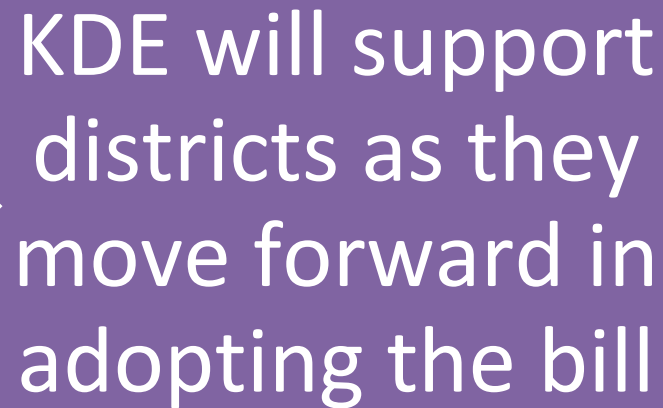
Other Impacts



Input from KDE



Dr. Holliday sent
Superintendent
update on
Friday




KDE will support
districts as they
move forward in
adopting the bill

Input From KSBA


Dara Bass,
Director of
Policy with
KSBA



KSBA will
provide specific
policy language
for all BOEs in
May



KSBA
recommends
that we delay
adopting policy
until we receive
the suggested
language



Jefferson County Public Schools

Strategic Plan **Vision 2015**

The journey to becoming the
best urban district in the nation
begins with the first step—
Vision 2015!



Vision 2015

All JCPS students graduate prepared to reach their full potential and contribute to our society throughout life.