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Subject: Senate Bill 97 re increasing compulsory attendance age to 18

We applaud the many districts that are planning to adopt policy to raise the compulsory attendance age in their district to age 18 in response to Senate Bill 97, which the governor has now signed.

Please be advised we will be including language in your Board's May update to address this issue.

There is no requirement or need to immediately adopt a new compulsory attendance age. Technically speaking, the law will not go into effect until 90 days after the close of the legislative session -- and cannot be applied to students until the 2015-2016 school year. In addition, implementation of the policy depends on KDE approval of the district's certification that appropriate dropout programs are, or will be, in place.

Therefore, getting revised policy and procedure language in place this summer will be perfectly acceptable. (For many districts, two related policies and two related procedures may be included in the update.)

Due to these facts, we recommend you delay adopting policy at this time.

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