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Ensure the safety and success of children by strengthening the homeschool enrollment process

In most cases, parents choose to homeschool based on the needs of the child or their family beliefs. Sometimes there are circumstances where parents or caregivers choose to avoid the oversight of a school or child protective services because of allegations of child abuse or neglect or ongoing issues with school truancy. We want to ensure that all kids who are being enrolled in homeschool are safe and receive the education they deserve.

5 steps to ensure safe, education-focused homeschool settings for Kentucky students:

Currently, there are minimal steps for a parent or caregiver to take to begin homeschooling:

1. Establish a school and notify the local superintendent of schools that they have established this school and of their intent to homeschool their child(ren)
2. Report the names, ages, and place of residence for each student in attendance at this homeschool location

Additional requirements of the parent or caregiver would strengthen the process of establishing a homeschool setting and ensure the child is safe and set up for educational success:

3. Subject to background checks to ensure they are not an offender of a relevant violent crime such as domestic violence, have not been convicted of a sex crime, and do not have a finding of child abuse or neglect
4. Provide proof of educational attainment in the form of a high school diploma, transcript, or GED certificate
5. Confirm the child(ren) entering the homeschool setting has not received a truancy summons

Blueprint for Kentucky's Children Solution:

Ensuring adults providing K-12 educational instruction in the home setting meet minimum educational and safety requirements, and that the child being enrolled in homeschool has not received a truancy summons