In the state of Kentucky legal donation age is now 16 with parental consent or 17 without consent. Please discuss this matter with your child and remember volunteer blood donation is a great way to instill the value of community service in your child. Blood donation is safer than ever and there is no substitute for human blood, therefore; it is imperative for today's youth to take an active interest in tomorrow's blood needs. Should you have any questions please contact the Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center at (270) 684-9296.

I, the undersigned and parent of:______________________, understand the legal donation age in the state of Kentucky is 16 with parental consent or 17 without consent. I have discussed blood donation with my child and give permission for my child to donate blood.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date Signed by Parent/Guardian:____________________________

Parent/Guardian phone number:_______________________________

I confirm the above listed name is my parent or legal guardian.

Student Signature_____________________

Section 1. KRS 214.468 is amended to read as follows: (1) any person seventeen (17) years of age or older may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, without consent of the person's parent or legally-authorized representative. (2) **Any person sixteen (16) years of age may donate blood in a voluntary blood program, which is not operated for profit, with the written consent of the person's parent or legally authorized representative.** (3) The parent or legally-authorized representative of a person who donates blood pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall not be held financially responsible for any medical complications arising from the blood donation. (4) Before soliciting blood donations from students in high schools, joint vocational schools, or technical schools, a blood program, in cooperation with school authorities, shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parents or legally-authorized representatives of the students that the students will be requested to donate blood.

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