

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 36 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program is hereby established within the*  
6 *Department of Military Affairs to serve as the state's program for participation in*  
7 *the National Guard Youth Challenge Program established in 32 U.S.C. sec. 509 or*  
8 *any successor program. The program shall establish at least one (1) campus for*  
9 *program operations and may establish additional campuses as funding and*  
10 *demand allow. The program shall serve as an alternative education program that*  
11 *serves each school district in the Commonwealth.*

12 *(2) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program shall be designed to align and*  
13 *comply with federal statute and administrative regulations for the National Guard*  
14 *Youth Challenge Program and associated guidance provided by the United States*  
15 *Department of Defense.*

16 *(3) The Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program shall be under the direction of the*  
17 *adjutant general or designee. The adjutant general or designee shall:*

18 *(a) Appoint a director of the Kentucky Guard Youth Challenge Program to*  
19 *oversee the daily management of the program; and*

20 *(b) Adopt a strategic plan for the program's schools to ensure continuous*  
21 *improvement.*

22 *(4) For purposes of the school assessment and accountability system established in*  
23 *KRS Chapter 158, the Kentucky Department of Education shall, through policy or*  
24 *the promulgation of an administrative regulation, provide that the time each*  
25 *student is participating in the program is attributable to the district sending the*  
26 *student to participate in the program.*