

CHAPTER 83**(HB 94)**

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

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

Section 1. KRS 36.355 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There shall be established and maintained in the Commonwealth of Kentucky state veterans' nursing homes to provide long-term care to veterans who are residents of Kentucky.
- (2) ***There is created the Office of Kentucky Veterans' Centers within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The office shall be headed by an executive director appointed pursuant to KRS 12.050. The office shall operate*** the Kentucky state veterans' nursing homes ~~shall be attached to the Finance and Administration Cabinet~~. The ***Department of Veterans' Affairs*** ~~[Finance and Administration Cabinet]~~ may promulgate any administrative regulations necessary to operate the homes in compliance with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations.
- (3) The Department of Veterans' Affairs may seek federal and private funding for the construction or renovation, and operation of Kentucky state veterans' nursing homes.

Section 2. The General Assembly hereby confirms Executive Order 98-1594, issued by the Governor on December 3, 1998, to the extent that it is not otherwise confirmed by Section 1 of this Act.

Section 3. Notwithstanding KRS 446.260, the change made in Section 1 of this Act shall be merged into the section of 2000 House Bill 139 affecting that statute, if House Bill 139 becomes law.

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