

**CHAPTER 204****(SB 236)**

AN ACT relating to education advisory groups.

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

Section 1. KRS 157.317 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Kentucky Board of Education through administrative regulations shall develop and implement a statewide Early Childhood Education Program which shall include basic principles of child development, early childhood education, and all other related concepts which deal with generally accepted early childhood programs, including the delivery of health and social services to children as needed.
- (2) (a) The Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council is created to advise the chief state school officer on the implementation of early childhood education programs. The Department of Education shall provide staff and administrative support for the council.
- (b) The Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council shall consist of one (1) member of the Kentucky Board of Education appointed by the chairman and sixteen (16) members appointed by the Governor. The sixteen (16) appointed members shall include one (1) representative from each of the following agencies or groups: preschool teachers, public school teachers, elementary school principals, parents, child-care providers, community education, **a representative of**~~the Interagency Task Force on~~ Family Resource Centers ~~or~~~~and~~ Youth Services Centers, the Head Start Association, the Head Start director, the Head Start Program, the Infant/Toddler Coordinating Council, the Department for Public Health, the Department for **Community Based**~~Social~~ Services, **a local district superintendent**~~the Department for Social Insurance~~, the colleges of education, and the colleges of home economics.
- (c) Members shall serve a four (4) year term, except initial appointments shall be set so that four (4) members shall serve one (1) year, four (4) members shall serve two (2) years, four (4) members shall serve three (3) years, and four (4) members shall serve four (4) years.

Section 2. KRS 158.794 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Early Reading Incentive Grant Steering Committee is hereby created for the purpose of advising the Kentucky Board of Education and the Department of Education concerning the implementation and administration of the early reading incentive grant fund created by KRS 158.792. The committee shall be composed of fifteen (15) members including the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee, the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education or the president's designee, **the commissioner of the Department**~~a representative from the Advisory Council~~ for Adult Education and Literacy **or the commissioner's designee**~~to be selected by its membership~~, and the following members, to be appointed by the Governor:
  - (a) Two (2) primary program teachers with a specialty or background in reading and literacy;
  - (b) Eight (8) university professors with a specialty or background in reading and literacy representing each of the public universities; and

- (c) Two (2) individuals from the state at large with background and interest in reading and literacy.
- (2) Each member of the committee, other than members who serve by virtue of their position, shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until a successor is appointed and qualified, except that upon initial appointment, four (4) members shall serve a one (1) year term, four (4) members shall serve a two (2) year term, and four (4) members shall serve a three (3) year term.
- (3) A majority of the full authorized membership shall constitute a quorum.
- (4) The committee shall elect, by majority vote, a chair, who shall be the presiding officer of the committee, preside at all meetings, and coordinate the functions and activities of the committee. The chair shall be elected or reelected each calendar year.
- (5) The committee shall be attached to the Department of Education for administrative purposes.
- (6) The committee shall:
  - (a) Identify needs in schools throughout the state regarding reading and literacy programs;
  - (b) Develop criteria for the solicitation, review, and approval of grant applications provided under KRS 158.792;
  - (c) Develop a process for monitoring grants that are awarded; and
  - (d) Recommend approval of grant applications based upon criteria established by the committee.

Section 3. KRS 167.037 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There shall be established a Kentucky School for the Deaf Advisory Board, composed of *nine* (~~9~~)[~~seven~~—(7)] members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education upon recommendation of the chief state school officer. At the first regular meeting in each fiscal year, the board shall elect a chairman and vice chairman. A member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years as chairman. Members shall be appointed for regular terms of four (4) years. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.
- (2) Advisory board members for the Kentucky School for the Deaf shall be selected from nominations submitted by the Kentucky Association of the Deaf Inc., the Parent-TeacherCottage Parent Association, the Kentucky School for the Deaf Alumni Association Inc., *the Kentucky Association of School Administrators*, and the chief state school officer. Membership on the board shall be statewide and shall consist of two (2) parents of deaf children, one (1) professional in education of the deaf, one (1) former student of the Kentucky School for the Deaf, one (1) member of the Kentucky Association for the Deaf, *two (2) members who shall represent school districts*, and two (2) members at large. *A majority of the board's membership shall be persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.*
- (3) The board shall act in an advisory capacity to assist the school superintendent in conducting the activities of the school. The board shall also make recommendations to the chief state school officer concerning all areas relating to the effective operation of the school, including but not limited to:
  - (a) Goals and objectives,

- (b) Budget requests,
- (c) Student services,
- (d) Public relations,
- (e) Construction and maintenance, and (f) Program evaluation.

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