

CHAPTER 76**(HB 17)**

AN ACT relating to education councils.

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

Section 1. KRS 164.001 is amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) "Administrator" means the chief executive officer of the institution;
- (2) "Adult basic education" means instruction in mathematics, science, social studies, reading, language arts, and related areas to enable individuals to better function in society;
- (3) "Benchmarks" means objective measures developed where applicable or practical by the Council on Postsecondary Education to judge the performance of the postsecondary education system and progress toward the goals as stated in KRS 164.003(2);
- (4) "Board" or "governing board" means the board of trustees for the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville, the board of regents for a regional university, or the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (5) "Board of regents" means the governing board of each regional university and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (6) "Committee" means the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education created in KRS 164.004;
- (7) "Council" means the Council on Postsecondary Education created in KRS 164.011;
- (8) "Customized training" means training in specific academic areas, work processes, or technical skills that are designed to serve a specific industry or industries to upgrade worker skills;
- (9) "Goals" means the six (6) goals specified in KRS 164.003(2);
- (10) "Institution" means a university, college, community college, health technology center, vocational-technical school, technical institute, technical college, technology center, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (11) "Kentucky Community and Technical College System" means the system composed of two (2) branches, which are:
 - (a) The Technical Institutions' Branch. This branch includes the postsecondary vocational-technical schools, state technical institutes, health technology centers, and technology centers, formerly known as Kentucky Tech and operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development; and
 - (b) The University of Kentucky Community College System, with the exception of the Lexington Community College.

The system also includes institutions created by the board of regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and approved by the General Assembly;

- (12) "Literacy" means an individual's ability to read, write, and speak in English and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society to achieve one's goals and develop one's knowledge and potential;
- (13) "Lower division academic course" means any academic course offered for college or university credit that is designated as a freshman or sophomore level academic course;
- (14) "Nonteaching personnel" means any employee who is a full-time staff member, excluding a president, chancellor, vice president, academic dean, academic department chair, or administrator;
- (15) "Postsecondary education system" means the following public institutions: University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System;
- (16) ***"P-16 council" or "council of partners" means a local or state council that is composed of educators from public and private preschools, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education institutions, local board of education members, and may include community and business representatives that have voluntarily organized themselves for the purpose of improving the alignment and quality of the education continuum from pre-school through postsecondary education as well as student achievement at all levels;***
- (17) "Public" means operated with state support;
- (18)~~(17)~~ "Relative" means a person's father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law;
- (19)~~(18)~~ "Remedial education" means any program, course, or activity that is designed specifically for students who have basic deficiencies in reading, written or oral communication, mathematics, study skills, or other skills necessary to do beginning postsecondary work as defined by the institution;
- (20)~~(19)~~ "Standardized degree program" means a program, approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education, that consists of specific competencies, curriculum, and performance requirements regardless of the providing institution;
- (21)~~(20)~~ "Strategic agenda" means the state strategic postsecondary education agenda described in KRS 164.0203; and
- (22)~~(21)~~ "Technical institution" means an educational institution that offers certificates, diplomas, or technical degrees in technical or occupational-related programs, including a facility called a vocational-technical school, technical institute, health technology center, technology center, technical college, or similar designation.

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) ***Effective August 1, 2002, the Council on Postsecondary Education shall administer a competitive grant program to enable the establishment of local P-16 councils. A P-16 council may be called a council of partners. The Council on Postsecondary Education and the Kentucky Board of Education shall jointly establish the criteria for participation in the grant program and the amount of funds available to each local P-16 council based***

on funds appropriated for this purpose. A postsecondary education institution shall assume the leadership role for managing a local P-16 council grant.

- (2) A local P-16 council shall promote the preparation and development of teachers, the alignment of competency standards, and the elimination of barriers that impede student transition from preschool through baccalaureate programs.*
- (3) Each local P-16 council shall provide an annual written report of its activities and recommendations to its members and the institutions they represent, the Kentucky Board of Education, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the Education Professional Standards Board.*

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