

CHAPTER 19**(HB 286)**

AN ACT relating to the Department for Facilities Management.

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

Section 1. KRS 42.027 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Department for Facilities Management established in the Finance and Administration Cabinet by KRS 42.014 shall be generally responsible for performance of the cabinet's functions and duties as outlined in KRS Chapters 45, 45A, and 56 with relation to the management and administration of the State Capital Construction Program, including without limitation to the generality thereof, the procurement of necessary consulting services related to capital construction and building renovation projects, construction services, and supervision of building construction projects, and for the maintenance and operation of the state government's real property management functions and physical plant management functions. ***The department shall have the primary responsibility for developing and implementing policies applicable to all state agencies to ensure effective planning for and efficient operation of state office buildings, and shall provide appropriate assistance regarding the planning and efficient operation of all state facilities.*** The department shall be divided for administrative and operational purposes into a Division of Engineering, a Division of Contracting and Administration, a Division of Building Services, a Division of Mechanical Maintenance and Operations, a Division of Real Property, and a Division of Historic Properties, each of which shall be headed by a director appointed by the secretary, subject to the approval of the Governor, and responsible to the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide for the distribution of the department's work among the divisions within the department.
- (2) In conjunction with the responsibilities listed in subsection (1) of this section, the Department for Facilities Management shall have the following duties:
 - (a) Establish policies to ensure efficient utilization of state property by:
 1. Requiring the development of guidelines which set forth space standards and criteria for determining the space needs of state agencies, and maintaining an inventory which tracks the agencies' compliance with those standards and criteria; and
 2. Requiring certification of compliance, or justification for exceptions, as a criterion for approval of additional space;~~[-]~~
 - (b) Establish policies to ensure effective planning for state facilities by:
 1. Developing a long-range plan for the Frankfort area, with priority on reducing dependency on leased space and encouraging the consolidation of agencies' central offices into single locations, and shared offices for agencies with similar functions; and
 2. Developing long-range plans for housing state agencies in metropolitan areas, with priority on centralization of services and coordination of service delivery systems; and

3. Encouraging executive branch agencies to expand long-range planning efforts, consistent with the policies of the Capital Planning Advisory Board; and
 4. Supporting long-range planning for a statewide information technology infrastructure to more efficiently deliver state government services;[-]
- (c) Establish priorities to allow least-cost financing of state facilities by:
1. Initiating policies which authorize the state to use innovative methods to lease, purchase, or construct necessary facilities; and
 2. Requiring cost analysis to determine the most effective method of meeting space needs, with consideration for ongoing operations and initial acquisition; **and**
- (d) ***Implement and maintain a comprehensive real property and facilities management database to include all state facilities and land owned or leased by the executive branch agencies, including any postsecondary institution. All state agencies and postsecondary institutions shall work cooperatively with the Department for Facilities Management to implement and maintain the database.***
- (3) The Department for Facilities Management shall develop plans for the placement of computing and communications equipment in all facilities owned or leased by state government. As part of this planning process, the department shall:
- (a) Provide adequate site preparation in all state-owned facilities and require the same of those from whom the state leases space as part of the lease agreement;
 - (b) Fund a minimum level of site preparation for computing and communications in each new state-owned facility; and
 - (c) As new office sites are developed, or existing ones undergo renovation, consider the placement of shareable high-cost, high-value facilities at strategic locations throughout the state. These facilities may include video teleconference centers, optical scanning and storage services, and gateways to high-speed communication networks.

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