

**CHAPTER 156****(HB 415)**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program.

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

Section 1. Whereas the General Assembly finds:

- (1) That the enforcement of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth in a fair and uniform manner throughout the Commonwealth provides for the maximum protection and safety to the citizens of, and visitors to, the Commonwealth; and
- (2) That Kentucky State Police officers play a major law enforcement role throughout the Commonwealth; and
- (3) That attracting highly qualified individuals to become Kentucky State Police officers and retaining qualified and experienced Kentucky State Police officers ensures the protection and safety of the public; and
- (4) The issue of participation in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund by Kentucky State Police officers as a method of attracting highly qualified individuals to become Kentucky State Police officers and retaining qualified and experienced Kentucky State Police officers is an issue that should be studied;

The Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of Kentucky State Police officers is created.

Section 2. The Task Force shall consist of:

- (1) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Two (2) members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (3) Two (2) officers of the Kentucky State Police appointed by the commissioner of the Department of the Kentucky State Police;
- (4) Two (2) members from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council appointed by the Legislative Research Commission; and
- (5) Two (2) members from the Justice Cabinet appointed by the secretary of the Justice Cabinet.

Section 3. The chair and co-chair shall be appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from among the legislative members. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission no later than October 1, 2002.

Section 4. Provisions of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to designate a study completion date.

**Approved April 2, 2002**