

**CHAPTER 80****(SB 133)**

AN ACT relating to interlocal cooperation agreements.

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

Section 1. KRS 65.230 is amended to read as follows:

As used in KRS 65.210 to 65.300, unless the context otherwise requires, "public agency" means any political subdivision of this state, any agency of the state government or of the United States, a sheriff, ***any county or independent school district***, and any political subdivision of another state. It also means a state-supported or private institution of higher education and a county or independent public school district for the purposes of entering into a joint agreement to establish and operate a program or facility, including a center for child learning and study, designed to help one (1) or more schools meet any of the goals set forth in KRS 158.6451, or for the investment of funds. If a private institution of higher education proposes to participate in an agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Attorney General shall determine if the proposal is compatible with the United States Constitution, as part of the review of the agreement provided in KRS 65.260(2).

Section 2. The Legislative Research Commission is hereby directed to create the Task Force on Inter-County Cooperation, which shall examine the possibilities available for counties to create interlocal agreements that allow economies of scale and cost savings in the provision of services. The task force shall also examine options available to the Commonwealth to provide incentives for counties to enter into interlocal agreements for the provision of services among counties.

Section 3. The Task Force on Inter-County Cooperation shall be composed of the following fourteen members:

- (1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House Representatives;
- (3) The commissioner of the Department for Local Government, or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, or the secretary's designee;
- (5) Two county officials, appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from a list of four nominees submitted by the governing body of the Kentucky Association of Counties;
- (6) Two county judge/executives, appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from a list of four nominees submitted by the governing body of the Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association;
- (7) Two county magistrates, appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from a list of four nominees submitted by the governing body of the Kentucky County Magistrate Association; and
- (8) Two city officials, appointed by the Legislative Research Commission from a list of four nominees submitted by the governing body of the Kentucky League of Cities.

The co-chairs shall be appointed by the Legislative Research Commission. The task force shall examine the possibilities for greater efficiencies and cost savings to counties through the creation of effective interlocal agreements allowing the provision of services across county boundaries. The task force shall examine how the Commonwealth may provide incentives for the creation of these interlocal agreements.

Section 4. The Task Force on Inter-County Cooperation shall report its findings to the Legislative Research Commission no later than August 1, 2003.

Section 5. 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 March 18, 2003**